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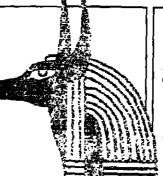
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Heseltine and Clarke kept in dark

# Major offers free vote on Europe

By Philip Webster, Arthur Leathley and Jill Sherman

THE Government's European policy was in confusion last night after John Major's two most senior ministers admit-ted they had not been consulted over his promise to give Tory MPs a free vote on

joining a single currency.

Mr Major surprised and pleased Eurosceptics yesterday when he hinted that a free vote was likely if his Cabinet were to recommend going in. And as the day wore on he hardened up the pledge, saying that it was right "for MPs to exercise their own personal iudgment". He made plain, however, that ministers would be expected to toe the government line.

He told journalists: "It would be rather odd, would it not to say you are going to have a referendum of every adult in the country but then say backbench MPs are going to be dragooned in a particular way. So clearly the same principle must apply to them."
But the Prime Minister was

accused of making conces-Labour's charge that he had changed policy "on the hoof" gained force when Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, admitted to the BBC's World at One radio programme that he had not known that Mr Major was going to make the announcement. He added that he thought it would "help to address the present difficulty".

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The impression of disarray was heightened several hours later when Michael Heseltine played down the idea that Mr Major had made any policy change and appeared irritat-

JOHN MAJOR has surprised

colleagues by deciding to

name about 20 new peers in

the middle of the general

Up to six former Labour

MPs and some from other parties will be among those heading for the House of

Lords in the list to be an-

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election campaign.

midnight tonight.



Hywel Williams, above, chief aide to John Redwood, masterminded the campaign to give Fory candidates cash for flouting the government line on the

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ed by any suggestion that he

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gramme, the Deputy Prime Minister said it was clear that Mr Major had been answering a question at his morning press conference rather than making a "prepared state-ment". The free vote was only a possibility. But it was clear that Mr Heseltine had not been told that Mr Major had strengthened his promise through the day. And two hours later, he was still talking about a "possibility".

Twenty new peers best interests. in surprise list BY OUR POLITICAL EDITOR announcement has come dur-

> happened four times since Douglas Hurd, Sir Patrick Mayhew, Michael Jopling. Richard Ryder and Paul Channon are virtually certain to become peers, as may Kenneth Baker, John Biffen and long-serving stalwarts of

> ing a campaign. But it has

the 1922 Committee. It had been thought that the From the opposition, the list names would have been inseems certain to include Roy Hattersley and Peter Shore, cluded in the Dissolution or and there will be considerable Resignation List expected next interest in whether Labour month. But because so many MPs such as John Gilbert and former Cabinet ministers are Doug Hoyle, who announced retiring, sources say that Mr their retirement from the Major has decided that he Commons at the last minute, needs two bites at the cherry. are also elevated It is the first time since the

Sir David Steel, the former Liberal chief, and Sir James Molyneaux, the former leader of the Ulster Unionists, are other certainties for peerages. The decision to announce Continued on page 2, col 8

ed senior Tory officials to issue firm denials of any split at the top. They accused the BBC of "obsessive textual analysis" and said that Mr Major, Mr Clarke and Mr Heseltine were all agreed that the free vote was "an option" if at some distant time a Cabinet decided to recommend to Parliament country that Britain should join a single currency.

The issue had been discussed informally between ministers, but it had not been known that Mr Major would disclose the idea yesterday. One senior source said: "Frankly we have known for some time that this would be the only way to play it."

With more than 200 Conservative candidates having come out during the election against a single currency, it is now apparent that a new Conservative government could never, on its own votes, take the country into monetary union in the highly unlikely event that it would want to.

Tony Blair said that Mr shambles. There are two Tory parties and he appears to be in charge of neither of

The Tory sceptics were happy with events and John Redwood said: "A free vote is an excellent idea. It would look very bad to usher in a single currency with the biggest backbench revolt in history." But Mr Major's pledge had also satisfied pro-European Tories because it opened up the prospect that a future Conservative government might try to mobilise pro-Europeans in other parties to support a single currency if it was shown to be in Britain's

Mr Clarke seemed relaxed about a free vote. He hoped that it would take the pressure off Conservatives who had been racing to declare their line now. He even recalled that it was a free Tory vote in the Commons in 1971 that led to Britain joining the European

Community. Pressed yesterday afternoon on whether Mr Clarke and other senior ministers had been consulted about a free vote, Mr Major said: "It is a matter for the Prime Minister and the Chief Whip and of course it has been discussed. It is not a matter I have set out and discussed with colleagues. but I have no doubt that this would be the way to handle

the matter." For the second successive day, Mr Major decided to concentrate on Europe at his press conference and his message was again that Mr Blair would be too inexperienced for the Amsterdam summit on Europe's future in June. "They may claim these days not to wave the red flag, but they are certainly going to Amsterdam to wave the white flag."

Poussin's Temps Calme, which has been sold to the Getty Museum in California for an estimated £15 million by the Sudeley Castle trustees Poussin landscape sold abroad 'to save castle' By Dalya Alberge been forced to sell off the "family silver" to

ONE of the most ravishing landscapes by Poussin, the 17th-century French master revered as an outstanding influence on European art, is likely to leave Britain after its private treaty sale to the Getty Museum in California.

Sudeley Castle in Gloucestershire once the home of Henry VIII's last wife, Catherine Parr — has sold Poussin's Temps Calme, a 1650s imaginary landscape featuring a shepherd watching his flock. The price has not been disclosed, but it is believed to exceed £15 million. The Getty Museum has applied for an export licence and scholars yesterday lamented the prospect of losing it.

save the house for future generations. It is home to Henry Dent-Brocklehurst, who has been described as Britain's richest and most eligible bachelor.

Michael Macfadyen, a solicitor for the Sudeley trustees, said yesterday: "The trustees of the Sudeley Castle estate have with considerable reluctance found it necessary to sell a painting by Poussin." However, this is not the first time that Sudeley, a 1.200-acre estate on which

Charles I hid during the Civil War and where George III fell down one of the staircases, has sold works from a collection that includes Rubens, Reynolds and Ruysdael. In 1990, the trustees sent

The trustees of Sudeley Castle, which Constable's The Lock to Sotheby's, where Foundation in Lugano. Mr Dent-Brocklehurst was reported to have inherited £50 million on his 30th birthday. His mother, Lady Ashcombe, moved into the castle after the death of her husband; the house was passed down to them from John and William Dent, the Worcester glove-makers, who acquired it in 1837. Mr Macfadyen was unable to elaborate

on why so much money was needed so soon after the Constable sale. He also dismissed reports of the E50-million inheritance as "wildly inaccurate". The Getty Museum will once again

have to contend with Britain's art export laws: in its unsuccessful attempt to



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#### Man held over **Docklands** bomb attack

A 33-year-old man was flown from Northern Ireland to London yesterday under armed police guard for questioning about the IRA lorry bomb attack on Docklands

last year. James McArdle, from the village of Cullyhana near Crossmaglen, Co Armagh, was arrested in South Armagh last week along with six other men.

Patrick McKinley, 32, from Mullaghbawn near Forkhill. South Armagh, has already been charged in connection with the Docklands bornbing. in which two men died and 100 were injured.

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## Grandpaddy

Paddy Ashdown's daughter. Kate, has given birth to a son. The Liberal Democrat leader and his wife, Jane, hope to visit them at their home in Burgundy at the weekend.

## Netanyahu says he will stay and fight

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

BINYAMIN NETANYAHU, unseat the Government. the right-wing Israeli Prime Minister, insisted last night that he would resist all attempts to force his resignation after a police report recommended that he be charged with fraud and breach of public trust.

After an emergency meeting of the left-wing opposition Labour Party discussed murky deals behind the brief appointment of an Attorney-General, Mr Netanyahu told cheering members of his rul-ing Likud Party: This Government is not going anywhere. We are staying where the people and history

have put us." The Prime Minister assured the activists that Likud would continue to lead the Jewish state "until the year 2000" and hevond. At the same time his aides claimed that the scandal was part of a left-wing plot to

Top Israeli law officers met at a secret location to decide whether or not to press charges against Mr Netanyahu when they present a final report in the next few days. Israeli newspapers said the scandal could provoke early elections if the Prime Minister

were to be charged. The law officers are also deciding if they should accept police recommendations that charges be brought against three of Mr Netanyahu's close political allies. Commentators said that the affair had plunged Israel into its gravest political and constitutional crisis since its foundation in 1948. The political turmoil has overshadowed new attempts by Washington to rescue the crumbling peace process.

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BRITISH AIRWAYS is in a delicate condition: four months after allowing stewardesses working over Christmas and New Year to take their husbands with them, many are pregnant. The airline has been forced to recruit extra

staff to cover maternity leave. "We are delighted, but this is creating a few headaches in our

planning department." a spokesman

reporting pregnancies."

The spokesman said that 591 of the airline's 6,000 stewardesses are expecting a child, as are three of its 60 women pilots.

Lynne Conter, the manager of the crew welfare centre, said: "We wanted them to take their loved ones with them so they weren't alone when they had to work over Christmas. Many went off to somewhere nice and romantic like

said. "Every day another five girls are the Bahamas or the Seychelles. "Now its four months later — the firming is about right. But we hadn't expected this at all. They were away together for one to three days and we

paid the hotel bill." Pregnant staff are put on ground duty six months before the expected date of delivery, thereafter normal maternity leave rules apply. Most pregnant stewardesses are in their 20s and 30s but a few, in their 40s, are

expecting a second child, BA said. The spokesman said: They are no longer allowed to fly after their twelth week because it could damage the babies' health." The physical extertion of working in the aisles is the main reason for their grounding. "Pushing and pulling those carts cannot be helpful to an unborn child," he said. Lack of oxygen and higher radiation levels at cruising altitudes are further

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## Security breakthrough over killing of Lance Bombadier Stephen Restorick

## Man charged with three **IRA** murders over 19 years

A MAN was charged yesterday with three IRA murders in Northern Ireland over a 19year period, including the shooting of Lance Bombardier Stephen Restorick last Martin McGinn, 39, from

Castleblayney, Co Monaghan in the Irish Republic, was one of three men who faced a series of terrorist charges amid tight security at a special sitting of Banbridge Magistrates' Court, Co Down.

The men were arrested on April 10 during a massive antiterrorist operation at a farm outside the village of Crossmaglen in South Armagh close to the border with the Irish Republic. Armed police and soldiers seized a .50 Barrett bolt action rifle, an AKM assault rifle and a quantity of ammunition.

McGinn, who was unshaven and had bruises on his face, denied the murder of Lance Bombadier Restorick, 23, in the village of Bessbrook, Co Armagh, in February. The soldier was shot by an IRA sniper as he manned a military checkpoint outside the

village's security base.
Flanked by two RUC officers, McGinn sat impassively in the dock as he was also charged with the murders of Lance Bombardier Paul Garrett. 23, who was shot by an IRA sniper in Keady, South Armagh. in December 1993, and of Gilbert Johnston, 25, a former UDR soldier, who was shot by the IRA outside a sweet shop in Keady in August

During a lengthy hearing, McGinn's solicitor alleged that his client was beaten by soldiers when he was arrested last Thursday. The solicitor alleged that McGinn suffered injuries to his head, shoulders. eyes, arms and legs which needed to be treated with

stitches and staples. An RUC detective confirmed that McGinn was treated for injuries at Craigavon Area Hospital. He said: "I am aware at the time of the accused's apprehension there was a struggle. The accused was medically examined onhis arrival in police custody. I cannot comment if the accused had been injured prior to his apprehension.

McGinn and the two other men, Micheal Caraher, 30, from Cullyhana, and Martin Mines, 29, from Crossmaglen. were each charged with a number of other terrorist

The men, who appeared in court separately, were charged with conspiracy with others to murder a person or persons unknown on April 10: possession of a .50 Barrett bolt action rifle and an AKM assault rifle and a quantity of ammunition on April 10; and membership of the Provision-

Caraher was also charged with the attempted murder of a police officer in Forkhill, South Armagh, last month. Caraher was seriously injured when two Royal Marines fired 20 shots at his car as he allegedly sped away from a check-point in Cullyhana in December 1990. His brother, Fergal, died in the shooting. The three men, who denied all the charges, were remand-ed in custody until next

The American Barret "Light 50" rifle is one of the most deadly weapons in the IRA's arsenal, which was used in a series of sniper attacks on the sceurity forces along the border in the early 1990s. The 5ftlong rifle was developed to

penetrate armour. Lance Bombadier Restorick was the first soldier to be murdered by an IRA sniper since December 1993. His death brought to 12 the number of troops and RUC officers killed by snipers since 1992.

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James McArdle was flown from Ulster to London yesterday for questioning about the Docklands bombing

## Anger over killer soldiers case

NATIONALISTS in Northern Ireland reacted furiously last night after Sir Patrick Mayhew announced that two Scots Guardsmen would have their life sentences for the murder of a Catholic teenager reviewed five years early.
In one of his last acts as

Northern Ireland Secretary. Sir Patrick said that "exceptional mitigating factors' merited an early review of the cases of Mark Wright and James Fisher.

The soldiers were jailed in February 1995 for the murder of Peter McBride. 18. in Belfast in 1992, Under normal rules their sentences would not be reviewed until 2002 when they would have served However, the High Court

in Belfast ordered the Northern Ireland Office last year to review their cases. Mr Justice Girvan quashed a decision by the office not to refer their cases to the Northern Ireland Life Sentence Review Board until 1998.

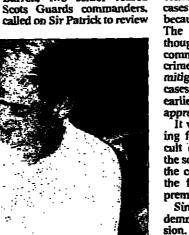
Dr Joe Hendron, who has been the SDLP MP for West Belfast for the last five years,

Here's something to pass the time.

sion as "disgraceful". Dr Hendron compared the soldiers' treatment to Sir Patrick's decision to release Private Lee Clegg two years after he was convicted of the murder of a Catholic joyrider. Clegg was freed after a high profile campaign by retired officers from his regiment.

Sir Patrick's statement last

campaign was launched on behalf of Wright and Fisher by senior members of the cots Guards. In a joint letter to The Times earlier this month, Major-General Murray Naylor and Lieutenant-General Sir David Scott-Barrett, two senior retired



Peter McBride, who was shot dead in Belfast in 1992

their cases "as a matter of urgency". Retired guardsmen recently presented a petition on behalf of the jailed soldiers to 10 Downing Street.

In a statement last night the Northern Ireland Office said that the Province's Life Sentence Review Board would consider the guardsmen's cases in October this year because of exceptional factors. The statement added: "Although Wright and Fisher committed a gravely serious crime, there are exceptional mitigating factors in these cases which indicate that an earlier first review is

It went on: These mitigat-ing factors include the difficult circumstances in which the soldiers were operating in the course of their duty and the fact that there was no premeditation.

Sinn Fein last night condemned Sir Patrick's decision. Gerry Kelly, the convicted IRA bomber, said: with a British establishment which has always sought to protect its forces from the legal consequences of their criminal actions."

## Poussin sale

Continued from page I acquire Canova's Three Graces, the Californian insti-

tution found itself frustrated by the Government's repeated manipulation of the rules. The

procedure may be easier this

time because Britain boasts an

extensive collection of Poussins: there are 13 at the

National Gallery in London, one at the National Galleries

of Scotland, which also has eight on loan from the Duke of

Sutherland, and examples at

the Dulwich Picture Gallery.

Scotland, said of Temps

Calme: "It's one of the most

beautiful of his landscapes. It really is an absolute stunner. It would be sad if it left the

Sir Denis Mahon, one of

Britain's most eminent schol-

ars, said: "It's a splendid

picture, a marvellous land-

scape." On hearing the esti-

mated price, he said: "At that

figure, there is little that British galleries can do. Pre-

sumably, the only way it could

be retained would be it some

country.

Michael Clarke, the keeper of the National Galleries of apology on

ITN and two of its journalists received a High Court apology yesterday over allegations that they deceived the public by fabricating news coverage of detention camps set up by the Bosnian Serbs.

Penny Marshall, Ian Williams and an ITN camera team were among the first reporters allowed into the eamps at Omarska and Trnopolje in August 1992. Muslims were being held in appalling conditions. Reports on ITV and Channel 4 aroused international opinion to intervene in the Yugoslavian con-

a number of awards.

device could be found for lottery money to be involved."
It was only in 1977 that the
painting was attributed to camera angles and editing, and had "fooled the world". Poussin (1594-1665). It was identified by Clovis Whitfield, a leading art historian and dealer, whose scholarly paper noted: "The character of the brushwork, the brilliance of the colour, and even the capacity to surprise, are all qualities we can immediately recognise as Poussin's own."

## ITN wins 'fake' claim

flict, and their reports received

In January this year Two-Ten Communications, a pressrelease distribution company. circulated a release from the journal Living Marxism about a furthcoming article by a German journalist, Thomas Deichmann. It said that images of harbed wire at the camps had been created by

Two-Ten accepted that was untrue, and issued an apology with costs. Karen Mason, its solicitor, apologised for "very real distress and damage" to ITN and its reporters, and said: "Two-Ten Communications distributes releases word for word as provided by its elients, without any editorial input or amendment."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Triple killer loses extradition case

The Irish High Court yesterday rejected an attempt by the triple killer Alan Reeve to avoid extradition to Britain. Reeve, 49, who is reported to have qualified as a lawyer while in prison in Holland for killing a policeman, escaped from Broadmoor special hospital in 1981. He had agreed to extendition wasterday but changed his mind and unsuccess.

from Broadmoor special hospital in 1981. He had agreed to extradition yesterday but changed his mind and unsuccessfully sought a High Court order to restrain the Irish authorities from sending him back.

Turning down the last-minute application, Declan Costello, president of the Irish High Court, said he had concluded that there was no substance to the legal move and there was also no reality for making an order blocking the extradition. Reeve was sent to Broadmoor at the age of 15 for killing another how and later was convicted of the killing another boy and later was convicted of the manslaughter of a fellow patient in the hospital. Irish police said Reeve would be flown back to Britain today.

## FBI help in Coulton case

Police hunting the killer of Pat Coulton, whose husband Michael is a member of the Royal Protection and Diplomatic Squad, are receiving help from the FBI. Two members of Thames Valley Police have travelled to California and Florida where they are looking for potential witnesses. Mrs Coulton, 52, died after being stabbed 20 times. Her body was found in January in the grounds of the nursing home in Sunningdale, Berkshire, where she worked. Her husband was suspended after the discovery of firearms at the couple's home in Woking, Surrey.

## Yates not to be charged

Paula Yates, former wife of Bob Geldof, and Michael Hutchence, singer with the rock group INXS, will not face charges over an alleged drugs find at their home. Scotland Yard said last night. The couple were in Australia when their home in Chelsea was raided last September. Scotland Yard said: "Police investigating an allegation of possession of drugs against a 36-year-old man and woman have been advised by the Crown Prosecution Service that there is insufficient evidence to offer a realistic prospect of conviction. Police will be taking no further action."

## Rape case 'contempt'

An Old Bailey judge referred the Daily Mail to the Attorney-General for contempt yesterday after the newspaper challenged his right to restrict publication of material relating to future trials. The Recorder of London, Sir Lawrence Verney, had banned the reporting of some material from the case of an Austrian tourist who was raped by eight teenagers for fear of jeopardising pending trials. The newspaper said the judge had no such authority and that only the High Court could impose such restrictions—a view the Crown dismissed as "ludicrous contempt".

## Girl, 15, killed by car

A teenage girl was killed and another had her legs broken when they were hit by a car that mounted the pavement as they walked together. Sarah Gaffney, 15, from Westerhope. Newcastle, died in hospital shortly after the accident. Emma Daggart, 16, had been walking with her. William Baxter, 45, from Newcastle, a passenger in the car, was in intensive care with a fractured skull after being trapped for 15 minutes in the car, which hit a lampost. He was cut free by firemen. The driver of the car, which was carrying five people, was

## **BBC** revisits Wessex

The BBC has commissioned a screenplay of the Thomas Hardy classic Tess of the D'Urbervilles as a tour-part dram expected to be shown on Sunday evenings. Alan Sharp, a screen playwright, is to adapt the classic tale of doomed love. Mr Sharp was commissioned by the BBC after his work on the film Rob Roy. It would be the second Hardy novel dramatised by the BBC. It broadcast The Mayor of Casterbridge in the 1970s. The 240-minute project could cost up to £4.5 million, with funding coming from the BBC's 1996-97 drama budget of £184 million.

## Asylum plea allowed

A High Court judge ordered that a Russian homosexual be allowed to appeal against Britain's refusal to give him asylum. The 26-year-old man, who cannot be named for legal reasons, said that he faced persecution from gangs of youths who harassed and killed gays, and from psychiatric hospitals. The Home Office originally ruled that he did not have "a well-founded fear" of persecution because homosexuality had been decriminalised in Russia. The decision was upheld by a special adjudicator, but the judge said that the adjudicator might not have considered all the evidence.

## 1,600 protest calls

More than 1.600 of the record 7.179 complaints about noise and other environmental nuisances at Manchester Airport last year were made by one person. The anonymous man, who lives at Cheadle Hulme under the airport's flightpath, telephoned the airport up to five times a day to protest about noise. His 1.640 calls represented 23 per cent of last year's total. "I suppose he has us on a redial button by now," an airport spokeswoman said, adding that, thankfully, he did not reverse the charges. In all, ten people were responsible for 48 per cent of all complaints.

## Hat-trick appeal rejected

Phil Hutchings, 65, a village cricketer in Abbotsbury, Dorset, claimed a unique hat-trick after taking two wickets with his final deliveries last season against the Hampshire side, Burley. The third wicket fell with his first ball of the new season last weekend, coincidentally also against Burley. But his appeal was turned down yesterday by Wisden, the cricketers' bible Chris Lane the managing director said "It cricketers' bible. Chris Lane, the managing director, said: "It is a commendable effort but I am afraid he cannot claim a hat-trick. It has to be three wickets in three consecutive balls

## St Paul's reviews Lockheed deal

By Ruth Cleding RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL IS to review its decision to accept £15,000 sponsorship from an American arms manufacturer

for a concert in July.

The Dean and Chapter of St
Paul's are next Wednesday to
reconsider their decision to accept the cash from Lockheed Martin: Brigadier Robert Acworth, the cathedral registrar, said: "They are going to review the sponsorship by Lockheed in view of the com-ments that have been made. But I hope we are going to hold the concert."

The decision to accept sponsorship from a British

subsidiary of Lockheed Martin was condemned by some as unChristian. The Dean, Dr John Moses, said: "This is something we must look at when we meet as a Chapter. The Church of England has an

investment policy which includes not investing in armaments, and some would therefore say that spon-sorship was not to be taken from arms manufacturers."
But Dr Moses added: "We live in a wicked world. There

are times when it is right for a arms manufacturing follows. I believe the nation has the right to defend itself against attack." He said he was not able to take an "aloof, superior moral position" against armaments, while demanding at the same time to be defended.

Canon John Halliburton, chairman of the committee which accepted the offer of sponsorship, told today's Church Times that he had been surprised at the outery, "I thought Lockheed made engines for aeroplanes," he said. The British division of Lockheed Martin involved is the Portsmouth-based Lockheed

Martin Tactical Systems. Earlier this week, the Campaign Against the Arms Trade said: "It seems to us that the church has rewritten the Sixth Commandment to 'Thou shalt not kill — unless we get a whacking great profit."

## New peers

Continued from page 1 new peers may be attacked by

Labour as an attempt by Mr Major to bolster Tory ranks in the House of Lords while he is still Prime Minster. Labour has long complained that the Tories have unfairly increased their underlying majority in the Lords through the creation of new peers.

On the opposition view. Labour needs at least three dozen new peers over and above any new Tory creations to restore the balance before the 1979 election. A second list would include peerages and other lesser awards for ministers and former MPs deleated on May 1. That is when Mr Major would reward his personal and political staff.

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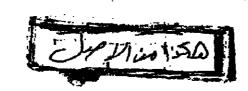
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Attackers tailed Michael Green and his wife as they drove home in their Rolls-Royce

# Film clue to knife gang that mugged Carlton TV chief

By Stewart Tendler crime correspondent

DETECTIVES hunting a gang who attacked Michael Green, the chairman of Carlton Communications, and his wife with a knife released closed-circuit film yesterday showing the thieves tailing the millionaire's Rolls-Royce in a

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The three black men in their 20s, all wearing hoods, were captured on security film as their car pulled up around the corner from the Greens' Mayfair home. They attacked Mr Green, slashing him across the head and face with a 12in knife before throwing him to the ground, A £1,000 gold necklace was ripped from the neck of his wife, Theresa, 45,

who was left bruised and suffering from shock.

As Mr Green spent yesterday at his company headquarters in Knightsbridge, police sources disclosed that they had been hunting a loose-knit network of violent thieves targeting wealthy people living in London. Since January a special undercover unit had identified 16 attacks in central London. .

The muggers are believed to watch for possible victims as they leave restaurants, hotels and shops in areas such as Park Lane, Belgravia and St John's Wood. They follow them home and then strike in

were joined by the third. They pulled balaclavas over their faces. In the space of little car parks or on the street. Up more than a minute they had attacked the couple as they parked their car in a garage near their home, and were on their way back to their getaway car. They took credit cards, £500 in cash and the

> Mr Green, 49, was taken to St Mary's Hospital, Paddington. His wife was with him yesterday. A spokeswoman said he was "absolutely fine" and reports of the attack had been exaggerated.

to a dozen muggers operating

in small and interconnected

pealed for witnesses to the

attack on the Greens. The film

showed that Mr Green, whose

fortune is estimated at

E100 million, was followed

home on Tuesday evening by

a gang driving a dark-col-oured 5-series BMW. As Mr

Green turned into the Mayfair

mews where he lives, the car

the corner to the mews and

Two of the gang went round

drove past and stopped.

gangs could be involved.

Yesterday detectives

But Detective Inspector Steve Hagger, leading the investigation, said the attack was a "nasty and violent" incident. Police did not think Mr Green had been specifical-



The hooded muggers were caught on film as they parked their BMW around the corner from the Greens' home

because their car showed they were rich.

Police are keen to trace the driver of a maroon-coloured Range Rover and the person out walking in the area, near Hyde Park, at the time of the attack. One passer-by is clearly seen walking past one of the suspects. Two taxis are also captured on the film.

Police have refused to link the attack on the Greens with other incidents, but it bears similarities to a number of high-profile robberies by gangs of young black men in the past year. In February Lady Weidenfeld, 51, lost

jewellery worth £100,000 when she was attacked on the Chelsea Embankment as she

Last June a £15,000 Rolex was stolen from the wife of Christopher Moran, one of Britain's richest men, in a car park in the King's Road. A month later the wife of Bernie Ecclestone, the organiser of Formula One motor racing, was robbed of a £65,000 diamond ring as the couple parked their car in Chelses Square.

In a number of cases the robbers have followed victims to their homes, then threat-



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## Demand rises for burly bodyguards and fortress flats

By Emma Wilkins

FEAR of violent crime is fuelling demand for bodyguards and secure new homes as the affluent seek to ensure their personal safety. A round-the-clock "personal protection officer" complete with dark glasses and menacing attidue can cost up to £2,500 a week. A review of home security, including checks on noisy neighbours and frequency of police patrols, comes rather cheaper at £25 an hour.

Hertfordshire is experiencing a boom in inquiries. A spokesman who declined to give his name for security reasons said: "When we started 13 years ago, we had about one or two approaches for bodyguards each month. Now we are approached by twelve to fourteen

"There is a lot of worry among people about personal security but not all of them can afford to do something about it. Full-time protection is an expensive business.

partner. Our male clients include captains of industry, people in the City of London and celebrities."

He said that clients had approached Associated Emergency Security Services fearing attacks from animal rights campaigners and Irish terrorist groups linked to their professional or business Celebrity clients include Faye

Dunaway, Nicole Kidman and her husband Tom Cruise. A security services company with Our women clients are usually urity to be less flamboyant.

For those who prefer their secoffices in London, Cambridge and worried about a stalker or a former a modern apartment behind Pimlico.

wrought-iron gates is proving a favourite option. New developments are especially popular in west London, where three are being built in Fulham alone. The Piper Building, on the site of the former British Gas headquarters, has 77 flats costing from £265,000 to

The complex is behind security gates operated by a swipe card and has 24-hour porterage. Similar developments are being built at es Village and the River side Belvedere complex in

"There is no doubt that people find advanced security very attractive," Edward Lewis of the estate agent Savills said. "The presence of a 24-hour porter is one of the reasons people opt for new

"We find that people want to be able to feel safe in their own home. knowing that there is closed-circuit television in operation and the likelihood of being burgled or mugged is greatly reduced."

ad Court, near the members-only Hurlingham Club in Fulham, is especially popular with point."

retired couples, according to Matthew Harup of the estate agent John D. Wood.

Although the flats were built in the 1930s, their appeal has increased in the past few years since a high-tech security system was introduced.

Mr Harup said: "The flats are set in their own grounds which lead down to the Thames. People can wander about at dusk in the grounds knowing that they are not ning to get mugged because the are totally secure. It's a great selling

## Sexually abused boy given asylum in Canada

BY FRANCES GIBB

A BRITISH boy aged 12 has been granted refugee status in Canada because of fears that he would be sexually abused if he returned to Britain.

The Canadian Immigration and Refugee Board held that the boy had a well-founded fear of persecution in Britain because the State did not respond to his mother's pleas for help after he was abused by his father and paternal grandparents.

Canada grants asylum only to members of "a particular social group" with a wellfounded fear of persecution in their homeland. It is thought to be the first time this has included a victim of sexual

The boy was born in the United States in 1984 and moved with his parents to Britain the following year where he was sexually abused until 1991. His mother sought assistance from the British authorities to no avail.

In 1992 the boy, his mother and her new husband went to live in Minnesota, but the stepfather was deported two years later after American authorities discovered that he had a drugs conviction. The family set up home in Thunder Bay, Ontario, and applied for asylum.

In its ruling, the board said it found "evidence of past sexual victimisation from his biological father in which state protection did not materialise". This amounted to "clear and convincing proof that the UK failed to extend him adequate and effective protection," it said.

Yesterday Allan Levy, OC, an expert in child abuse law, said: "If it is true that there were such serious failings that the boy had to leave the country, then the relevant government department should hold an inquiry."

Last night a Foreign Office spokesman said that the British authorities would be investigating the Canadian officials' allegations that the protection offered the boy in

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## Minister tried to heal dog by prayer

Mr and Mrs Green were attacked in their garage

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE RSPCA is investigating the society of kidnapping it. an attempt by a Christian organisation to heal a minister's alsatian dog through the power of prayer after it had been seriously injured in a road accident.

Sheba, a rare four-month-old white dog worth £200. suffered severe leg injuries when she was hit by a car in Exeter. Her owner, the Rev Allison Brown, a minister in the River of Life evangelical movement, prayed over the dog with other members of the group as Sheba lay in the

The RSPCA was called by a passer-by and the inspector persuaded Mrs Brown to hand the dog into their care. Now Mrs Brown is accusing

The society is investigating whether she committed an offence under the 1911 Protection of Animals Act. which makes it a crime to cause unnecessary suffering to an animal by failing to provide

veterinary attention. Mrs Brown said: "I have a divine power to heal. I had the power to see inside Sheba and I could see her back legs were damaged most, so we began praying over those and worked our way up. If people or animals are in pain, God

RSPCA denied that the dog had been kidnapped, saying that it had been given over legally into their care.

# Judge takes a soft

THE softness of lavatory paper was argued over by some of the country's finest legal brains as a High Court case between Andrex and Nouvelle began yesterday.

Andrex, the market leader,

line in paper row

is seeking a court order banning Fort Sterling, which makes Nouvelle, from marketing its product by offering a free roll of Andrex to any customer not satisfied with the softness of Nouvelle Quilted. Andrex claims that Nouvelle's packaging, by naming Andrex in its offer, was likely to

David Young, QC, present-ing Andrex's petition for an

By A STAFF REPORTER

in a coupon and provide a

going to carry out blind testing

in their homes. Nouvelle

might in fact be "jolly nice".

Mr Justice Laddie said: "The idea is that housewives and the 17 per cent of men who go off and do the shopping will keep their receipts. I don't know anyone who does that,

except my wife." The judge said the allega-tion seemed to be that Nouvelle was trying to hitch itself "subliminally" to Andrex's reputation, but he hoped the case would not "degenerate into a 'tis, 'tain't argument about whose paper is more comfortable". After all, he said, no one was

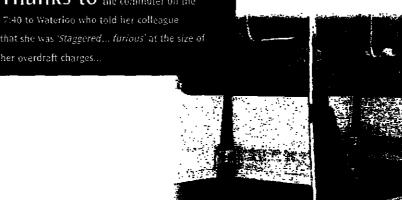
injunction to prevent passing off", said that, to qualify for the offer, customers had to fill

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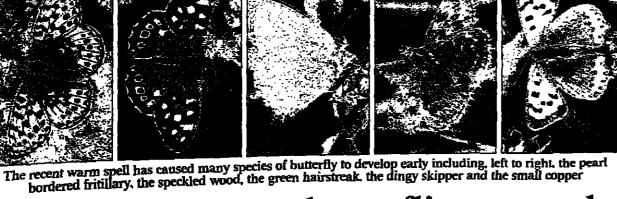
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## Warm spell brings butterflies out early

By JOHN VINCENT

THE warm weather has speeded up the development of butterflies to such an extent that many species are on the wing more than a month early, according to a report yesterday by the charity Butterfly Conservation.

Nigel Bourn, an authority.

said: "It's incredibly early for butterflies. They are coldblooded and are dependent on temperatures to develop. When it is this warm this early they develop very quickly. It's always difficult to be absolutely sure if it's a record but they are on the wing earlier than at any time in living memory. Basically, they think it's sum-

Two colonies of a rare British butterfly have been wiped out by youths deliberately starting grassland fires. The caterpillars of the Castle Eden Argus have been destroyed on its native breeding ground on the banks of Castle Eden Burn near the Co Durham coast. The butterfly was found only in hundreds on the site.

line, said that the long hot, dry spell had led to early sightings, including a pearl bordered fritillary on Dartmoor on April II (nearly five weeks early); speckled wood: Somerset, March o (nearly a month early); green hair-streak: Suffolk, March 27 (late April): grizzled skipper: Sussex, April I (early to mid-May),

mer." Nick Bowles, who is co- and dingy skipper: Oxfordordinating a telephone contact shire. April 12 (May). Other species seen about a month early include the green-veined white, orange tip, large white,

small copper, Duke of Burgundy and brown argus. Dr Martin Warren, the charity's head of conservation, said: "Even though it is always pleasing to see the first spring butterflies, the majority of our

butterflies are declining and

many are in danger of extinction. Prolonged drought will bring severe consequences later this summer and may lead to population crashes as it did in 1976. Already a heathland fire on Dartmoor has resulted in the loss of a high brown fritillary colony." Ecologists and regional re-

corders from the charity have noted that it is not only one individual butterfly being sighted. They are being reported in considerable numbers. Dr Warren said butterflies were good indicators of global climate changes, indicated by a recent spread northwards of species such as the gatekeeper and speckled wood and the current early appearances.

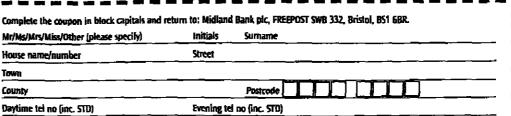
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Record bill

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bias case

A council paying £200,000 compensation to a former

firefighter who suffered sexual

harassment was ordered yes-

terday to pay her legal costs, estimated at £100,000. Solici-

tors for Tanya Clayton, 31.

said the award against Here-

ford and Worcester County

Council made her industrial

tribunal the most expensive

A woman died after jumping

from a first-floor window to

escape her burning flat in Wallington, south London, A

boy aged three was rescued

from the same floor by

firefighters wearing breathing

A new head has been appoint-

ed to The Ridings school in Halifax. Anna White, 42, will

take over on September 1. She

has been on a six-month

secondment as associate head

of the school, previously named the worst in Britain.

Ridings head

case involving one person.

Fatal leap

## treatment shows early promise

By Nigel Hawkes SCIENCE EDITOR

A NEW cancer treatment has produced encouraging results in a trial at the Royal Marsden Hospital in London. Nine patients with lymphoma that had resisted conventional treatments were given the new therapy. In four, it produced improvements, and in one the

tumours disappeared.
"The results are far better than we expected at such an early stage of the drug's dev-elopment," David Cunningham, head of the hospital's lymphoma unit, said. The results will be a boost to "antisense" therapies, which cancer genes stopped from operating by binding to them lengths of genetic material that are their

mirror image. The cancer from which the patients were suffering — non-Hodgkin's lymphoma – grows because the tumour cells have lost their ability to commit suicide. The reason lies in a protein called BCL-2. which blocks the process. The therapy aims to correct this by interfering with the gene responsible for making BCL-2. and restoring the cells' ability to control themselves.

Andrew Webb. Dr Cunningham and colleagues explain in The Lancet that they blocked the gene by interfering with the molecules that carry the message the cell needs to make the protein.

## New cancer | Alzheimer's affects half older drivers killed in accidents

By Ian Murray

MORE than half the drivers accidents and 13 per cent of accidents involving injuries. According to the Royal Society aged over 65 who are killed in road accidents are suffering from some form of Alzfor the Prevention of Acciheimer's disease, according to the latest research. dents, they have a higher accident rate than any age group other than the youngest drivers. Bad eyesight, stiffen-The study, published today in The Lancet, throws light on why so many crashes occur at ing joints and poor hearing junctions, where judgment is vital. Loss of judgment is one

of the early effects on Alzheimer's sufferers, who

progressively lose their memo-

ry, become confused and suf-fer bad co-ordination.

Doctors examined the

brains of 98 drivers over the

age of 65 who died in car

crashes. They took samples from parts of the brain that

are involved in judgment and

co-ordination and scored them

for the plaques, tangled nerves

and other changes that are

characteristics of Alzheimer's.

They found that in a third of

the cases there was conclusive

evidence of the disease and positive indications that a

further 20 per cent were becoming affected by it. The

proportion of those with the

There are 3.8 million licence

holders aged over 65 among

the 24 million in Britain. In

1995, the last year with com-

plete records, they were in-

volved in 22 per cent of all fatal

disease increased with age.

report suggests Alzheimer's is a big factor. There are 670,000 people in Britain with senile dementia of one kind or another, 500,000 of them suffering from Alzheimer's. Around 5 per cent of those over 65 are known to have the disease, but the proportion rises steeply with age and about 20 per cent

have been blamed; the new

All drivers in Britain have to reapply for their licences when they are 70 and must do so every three years thereafter. Applicants are meant to say whether they have any physical problems or disease, but there is no requirement for a medical check-up. Doctors can be asked to certify that drivers are fit to drive if they have mentioned something on the form that requires testing. Insurance companies sometimes require older drivers to

of those over 80 suffer from it.

have a medical. The Alzheimer's Disease Society considers these checks

The Link

are sufficient. "There is a perfectly good system of safe-guards in place and I think it is alarmist to say that sufferers are responsible for so many accidents." Veronica Fullard, accidents." veronica Finlard, the society's spokesman, said. "As long as people realise that they should go for regular check-ups and carers understand that a pattern of odd behaviour can be a first sign of something wrong, then this

should not be a problem." Kevin Clinton, of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, said that it was opposed to mandatory testing of old people but encouraged them to have regular check-ups. "It is just not worth going on driving if you are not physically fit to do so."

Kevin Delaney, director of road safety at the RAC, said that older people relied more heavily on cars than the young and were worried about losing their licences if they confessed to medical probelms. "As we get older we tend to compensate for failing faculties by driving more slowly, but there is an inbuilt resistence to going to see the doctor."

The Lancet report was by Dr Matti Viitanen, of Huddinge University Hospital, Sweden, and colleagues from Finland.

## Hospital is cleared over death from starvation

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A MOTHER threatened legal action against doctors yester-day after an inquiry cleared hospital staff of blame for her teenage son's death from an apparently non-fatal injury. Glenn Dimmick died of starvation ten days after doctors failed to diagnose internal injuries received when he

ran into a strip of wire while playing football.

Although Glenn, 16, continued to complain of pain in his abdomen, doctors at the Dryburn Hospital in Durham thought the symptoms were probably psychosomatic and arranged for him to see a child psychiatrist. Despite his constant vomiting and extreme weight loss, they failed to realise that bruising in his abdomen had stopped his muscles performing properly. Twice he was admitted to hospital and placed on an intravenous drip but Glenn, from Stanley, Co Durham, was discharged both times.

By the time he died from heart and respiratory failure in Shotley Bridge Hospital. his weight had dropped by three stone. Yesterday, however, an internal inquiry re-port said that no individuals should be disciplined over his death last May, although a number of procedures should be revised. The inquiry panel concluded that the North Durham Acute Hospitals NHS Trust, and a number of



Glenn Dimmick's internal injuries went unnoticed

members of its staff, had failed to deliver an acceptable standard of care to Glenn and his family.

His mother. Ann-Marie Mills, said: "I am disappointed with the report. People did fail, but it seems no one wants to take responsibility or apportion blame. There is no suggestion in the report that Glenn was let down, but I firmly believe he was, very badly. I think it's fair to say

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we will be taking it further if

and attacked Dryburn Hospital's handling of the case. The trust has since apologised over the teenager's death, and has accepted recomendations by the panel, including extra training for staff in treating adolescents.

Battery heart

patient dies

after biopsy

THE second person to be

given a battery-powered heart

died in hospital after a biopsy

for a liver infection, an inquest

Ralph Lawrence, 65, died

four months after he had the

artificial heart inserted. The

Oxford Coroner, Nicholas

Gardiner, was told that death

was not caused by the heart device. He recorded a verdict

Mr Lawrence had been

offered the £65,000 hears 🗕

the size of a grapefruit --because his age and diabetes

good progress after leaving John Radcliffe Hospital, Ox-ford, but was readmitted with

a fungal infection in the liver.
In July last year, surgeons decided on a biopsy. Mr.
Lawrence died shortly after

the operation. He had suffered

massive bleeding in the abdo-

men, caused by a change in

was told yesterday.

of misadventure.

we can." Last year Geoffrey Burt, the Durham Coroner, recorded a verdict of accidental death due to a proper lack of care

Untimely flies Severn Trent Water has

apologised to homeowners suffering a plague of flies from a sewage works in Spondon, Derbyshire. The larvae used to break down the raw sewage are hatching because of the early spring.

#### **Burial victory**

A man has won a 14-month battle for people to be buried with their animals at his pet cemetery near St Austell, Cornwall. Terry Squires, 70, won approval from the Environment Department and has bookings from three people.

#### Train set on fire

Eight people were treated for smoke inhalation after arsonists set fire to a passenger train at Snowdown station, near Dover, Kent. About 50 firefighters fought the blaze on the eight-coach train for an hour on Wednesday night.

## Flying squad

Police have involved schools in a campaign to try to halt the illegal killing of her harriers by gamekeepers in Northun-bria. Children are to "adopt" the eight breeding pairs, normal transplant. He made which have not raised young

## Escaper caught

A hamster is back behind bars after being on the run since August 1995. The animal, Derek, was caught when a James Gordon, neighbour of a owners Nesreen and Maurees Karim from Newcastle, heard him in his bedroom.

## Large catch keeps fish prices steady

By Dareh Gregorian

WEEKEND

SHOPPING

FISH and shellfish prices have remained stable this week. Most varieties are in plentiful supply, apart from herring, which may be hard to find for a month until the start of the new season.

Advertised promotions inciude:

for £2.85, chicken LSkg for E3.49 Sara Lee double chocolate gateau five portions for 99p, mushrooms 500g for 89p.

braeburn apples 45p a lb. Budgens: boneless pork leg £3.69 per kg, chicken legs 11.09 per kg, chicken legs 11.09 per kg, tea cakes four for 47p, eggs a dozen for 99p. Co-op (CWS): frozen extra lean minced beef 454g for 11.59, Danish butter 250g for 79p. Brazilian limes 16p each, continental salad 99p each, Walls Carte d'Or ice cream II

Harrods: grilled vegetables 100g for £2.29, pumpkin tortelloni 100g for £1.99, parmigiana di melazane £3.49

for E1.99.

each. each.
Iceland: skinless boncless battered cod fillets 600g for £2.99,
Lean Cuisine beef lasagne
300g for 74p, diced rurkey
454g for £1.49, Aunt Bessie's
mini toad-in-the-hole 240g for
200. Birde Fee Jahu carrors 89p. Birds Eye baby carrots

750g for 99p.
Kwik Save: Colman's English mustard 100g for 57p. Birds
Eye boof stew and dumplings 283g for 97p. Allinson hi-bran medium loaf 800g for 58p. Pillsbury toaster pockets cheese & bacon pizza 300g for £1.79. Del Monte orange juice lter for 77p.

Marks & Spencer: rhubarb 500g for 99p, Italian ground coffee 227g for £1.99, Italian tomato sauce 300g for 75p. tomato and three cheese pizza 390g for £1.99, quiche lorraine 400g for £1.49.

Morrisons: turkey steaks ... £4.38 per kg, brisket of beet... £3.50 per kg, braising steaks... E3.25 per kg, cauliflower 39p each, canteloup melon 99p each, haddock fillet £2.19 a lb. Saleway: frying steak £6.49 per kg. chicken tikka masala 340g for £1.99, boneless and Asda: cod fillets in batter 600g skinless haddock fillets in

batter 600g for £2.99, red peppers loose £1.69 per lb.
Sainsbury's fro zen chicken breast 900g for £3.95, frozen prawns

400g for £3.79, cucumbers 39p each, black seedless grapes loose 74p per lb, Cornish ice cream 21 for £1.99. Somerfield: new potatoes 14p per ib. dwarf beans 250g for .

60p, class A whole chicken 54p per lb. smoked trout 100g pack for £1.75, pork roaster 600g pack for £1.99 Tesco: beef steak £5.29 per kg. pork loin steaks £4.99 per kg, rainbow trout £1.87 a lb,

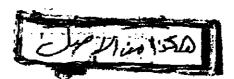
golden delicious apples 38p a golden delicious appies sop a lb, carrots 19p a lb.
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# RAC puts a spoke in the car driver's wheels

Kathryn Knight reports on an unexpected move to get

motorists out of the driving seat and on to their bikes

THE RAC stood for "riding a cycle" yesterday as Britain's oldest motoring organisation announced a change of image. It introduced its own fold-up

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bike, offered a £10 membership for non-motorists and said that a fifth of all car journeys were frivolous and unnecessary.
As part of its centenary

celebrations, the Royal Automobile Club's message to Britain's 23 million car owners including its own staff - was to get on their bikes, in particular on its own new collapsible bicycle, designed to fit snugly into a car boot for

It is also keen to promote public transport as part of a policy overhaul, and has dropped the royal crown from its logo. RAC executives said their new theme was "mobility rather than merely motoring", to encourage motorists to use

Its all-purpose steel bicycle went on sale yesterday, to help to promote a "park and cycle" policy for drivers to leave their cars on the edges of large towns and cities and ride the rest of the way. Manufactured by a Stratford-upon-Avon company, the bike was designed by Dr Alex Moulton, who designed the Moulton bike in 1962, and has similar small wheels and rubber suspension.

At £647, the executives admit it is expensive but say that staff at its Bristol, Birmingham and London control centres will have pool

bikes. For the first time, non-motorists can join the RAC with a £10 annual fee, to receive legal cover for personal injury and damages to their bikes and clothing. In the next few years, it is also hoping to develop a smartcard to pay for all forms of transport, including taxis, parking fees and

aircraft tickets. Neil Johnson, chief executive, said the club was adapting to the needs of road users: "Our members are not just motorists. They also cycle,

> maintenance." To complete its new image, the club is also getting rid of the royal crown on the logo, which has been part of the RAC since it won the royal charter in 1907. The Queen will remain patron and Prince Michael of Kent the president. Mr Johnson said the RAC had written to the Queen telling her of its plans and received a letter back to say that she liked the new design. The RAC, which is also

launching a £4 million recruitment drive, announced an overhaul of its fleet of 1,500 patrol vans. The traditional red, white and blue colours are to make away for bright orange. Other changes include a non-callout discount after a successful pilot scheme earlier this year, in which members have E25 knocked off the annual subscription if they do not use the roadside assistance service during the year.

walk and use public transport.

We're not saying people

shouldn't use their cars, but if

we don't want to sit bumper to

bumper all day then some-

thing's got to give. Twenty per

Mr Johnson said the RAC

would be lobbying for more

money to be ploughed into public transport, especially

from road tax. He said: The

Government are slumping on

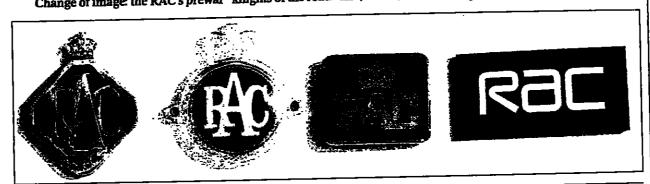
road repairs. We need an integrated transport system

and more investment in

frivious and unnecessary."

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## Fans call foul as Chesterfield replay tickets sell out early before the tickets were supposed to said: "We had supporters waiting

By Paul WILKINSON

THOUSANDS of angry Chester-field football fans failed to obtain tickets yesterday for the replay of the team's FA Cup semi-final match with Middlesbrough because they went on sale earlier than advertised.

Supporters who arrived before dawn at the Saltergate ground for the scheduled 9am opening of the ticket office found that all the 18,000 allocation had been sold 11 hours earlier. More than 8,000 other fans,

many equipped with folding chairs. camp beds and cooking gear, had come on Wednesday, prepared for an all-night vigil. But at 10pm. when traffic began choking the residential streets around the ground and some fans started getting rowdy, police advised club

Neil Johnson on the

officials to open up.

If the east Midlands side beats the Premiership lame ducks on Tuesday, they will become the first side from what is effectively the League's third division to reach the Wembley final. Fans were relishing

the rematch after Chesterfield had shocked the Teesside team last Sunday, first with an early two-goal lead and then by an equaliser in the last minute of extra time.

One of those who failed to get tickets, Alan Gledhill, 32, a machinist from Boythorpe, Chesterfield, said: They should have stuck to the original plans, which had been widely publicised. What's the point of telling everybody of ticket arrangements and then suddenly changing them? I was at the ground at 5.45am, more than three hours

go on sale. When I found out they had already gone I was furious."

Phil Sergeant, 41, who travelled from Nottingham yesterday morning, said: "People couldn't believe it when they got here, but I suppose we have to blame ourselves. I thought I was dedicated to get here now, but it turns out there were 8,000 people who were more dedicated than me."

Derbyshire police and club officials defended the decision to open early. Inspector Michael Maddin

outside the club from 8am on Wednesday. By 9pm we had a large crowd there, estimated to be around 8,000 people. We had concerns, along with the club, for their own safety and the disruption to local residents."

Bill Kenworthy, the club stadium manager and safety officer, said: "It was an impossible situation. The crowd was getting restless. Those who arrived after the [first] queues were formed would not have got tickets even if we delayed selling

that those ahead of them had been allowed to buy up to four tickets each, when the club had previously said it would ration supporters to a

They also said that their allocation for the game, at the Hillsborough ground of Sheffield Wednesday, was 4,000 fewer than for Middlesbrough fans. The unlucky supporters are demanding that Chesterfield erect a giant television screen at Saltergate to show the action live.

## **Deadly** snakes kept in unlocked garage

By A STAFF REPORTER

A SNAKE collector who allegedly ran a "dial-a-snake" business from his home was banned from keeping dangerous animals for ten years yesterday and fined £350.

Magistrates at Sutton, southwest London, were told that more than 60 deadly and dangerous snakes were found in the detached, unlocked garage of lan Ramsden's semi-detached house during a dawn raid by RSPCA officers and police.

Mark Love, for the prosecution, said a list, headed "lan's Price List", was found at the house. It stated the prices for snakes which corresponded to many of those held by Ramsden. Also found were documents with the business name Direct Reptiles, and a telephone number that led police to a mobile phone in Ramsden's house.

Mary Graham, chairwom-an of the bench, told Ramsden: You showed a blatant disregard for the salety of others. Potentially lethal and dangerous snakes were left in an unlocked garage in a residential area."

Ramsden, 34, from Sunton, pleaded guilty to 53 counts of keeping dangerous animals without a licence and was convicted on two charges of causing unnecessary suffering to an animal. He was banned from keeping dangerous ani-mals for not holding a licence. and fined £150. He was fined £100 for each of the two offences of causing unnecessary suffering to animals and was ordered to pay £150 costs. Mr Love said that RSPCA

inspectors found a "rogue's gallery" of snakes at Ramsden's house. Among them were the Colletts tiger snake and the saw scale viper. "I understand that for these two types of snake no anti-

venom is available," he said. He added that Ramsden denied being involved in the illegal trade of buying and selling snakes.



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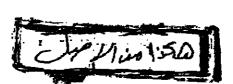
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## I'll be back, says Hollywood's all-action hero after heart surgery raises fears for his screen future

## Schwarzenegger faces up to his toughest challenge

DOCTORS and, more vitally, recent remarkable renaispublic relations specialists close to Arnold Schwarzenegger insisted yesterday that the film star and muscle man would make a full recovery from unexpected heart

surgery.
Hollywood's most successful action hero, long the embodiment of physical fitness, underwent treatment this week at an unidentified California hospital. An aortic valve was replaced after it was found to be weak.

Schwarzenegger, 49. who reportedly opted to have the surgery while he was "young and healthy", was resting yesterday after surgeons had sewn shut his muscular chest. His publicist, Catherine Olim, declared that the surgery was "elective" and that the Terminator actor's heart problem was congenital. A doctor was quoted as saying that the surgery was

After Schwarzenegger will be able, claimed his office, to return to his old routines. If the Hollywood "flacks" (image benders) are to be believed, this means that he will be able to go back to his violently energetic film roles, to his body preening and to smoking the

sance in America he is more than partly responsible. There was a distinct film industry imperative yesterday that the image of "Arnie" as the beef-crunching, cherootsucking hard guy and international pin-up should not be commercially affected by such an inconvenient turn of

In an Olim-ironed statement, the hospital-bound Schwarzenegger said: "I have never felt sick or had any symptoms at all, but I knew I had to take care of this condition sooner or later. I said to the doctors. Let's do it now, while I'm still young and healthy.' They agreed this was the way to go."
For all Ms Olim's efforts,

however, the surgery was a disturbing reminder of the health problems which seem regularly to affect over-enthusiastic body builders. Schwarzenegger's hugely succonvalescence. cessful film career, which has made him arguably the richest man in Hollywood, was built on his biceps. His gymnasium-tuned torso was, he has in the past admitted, assisted by the use of anabolic

There have been plenty of previous examples of musclemen being undone by such

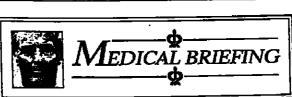
drugs. Last year another prominent Austrian bodybuilder, Andreas Munzer, who styled himself on his compatriot, died of uncontrollable internal bleeding which was attributed at least in part to the use of steroids, diuretics and other concoctions.

Such is the determination of gym fanatics to improve their physiques that many of them ignore health warnings about drugs. The world of bodybuilders is one of singleminded intent and often damaging neglect of any life beyond the weights room.

Schwarzenegger was facing a busy few weeks before the heart problem struck. At the end of next month, he is expected to tour the United States to promote his latest film, Batman and Robin, in which he plays he plays a baddie named Mr Freeze. It now seems uncertain that he will be able to undertake such a tour so soon after major And for all the unconvinc-

ing confidence about his condition yesterday, his bighaired, big-smiled television newscaster wife Maria Shriver, who is expecting her fourth child shortly, remained at his bedside, anxious while doctors continued to monitor the star's progress.





AT THE age of 49, Arnold Schwarzenegger is young for major heart surgery. His aortic valve had becomed thickened and stenosed so that the blood flow through it was restricted. Doctors usually assume that a congenital cause contributes to aortic stenosis if the patient is under 70 and there is no evidence of

rheumatic fever. Schwarzenegger has said that his problem is the result of a congenital malforma-tion, but with the lifestyle he has enjoyed it is highly probable that other, acquired, causes will have contributed. As well as being an actor, he owns a chain of restaurants. Apparently he has been told to resist temptation and refrain from rich, fat-laden

meals, and smoking. His admitted misuse of anabolic steroids is just as likely to have produced high levels of the pernicious lowdensity lipoprotein cholester-ol and low levels of the cardio-protective high density cholesterol, which will have contributed to his condition, as years of eating steaks and fried potatoes.

Although the increased risk of coronary heart disease, and other atheromatous cardio-vascular disease, was described as the most serious side-effect of the misuse of anabolic steroids in the Archives of Internal Medicine in 1991, there are many other complications. Anabolic steroids can cause damage to the liver, to the point at which varicose veins will develop in the oesophagus, which, if

Steroids, cigars and steak have not helped

they burst, produce catastrophic bleeding.

One survey of steroid-using bodybuilders showed that 25 per cent suffered severe changes to their personality. The envy of 10st weaklings for bodybuilders is misplaced, because their muscles may conceal a diminished manhood. Anabolic steroids in excess cause testicular shrinkage, degeneration of the seminiferous tubules in the testes and infertility.

Gynaecomastia - large breasts - are common sideeffects in men. Their potency may be temporarily increased but, after continued use of steroids, it lapses. Even the initial boost can be hazardous as priapism is an occasional complication.

In an untreated case of priapism, the erection may last so long that the mecha nism which achieves it is destroyed, never to work again, rather like the fruit tree which is supposed to have the best display of blossom ever before it dies.

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

# Two drinks a day keep the doctor away, but the odd tipple can kill

By Ian Murray

REGULAR moderate drinking reduces the danger of heart attacks, but an occasional tipple or a weekly binge can be dangerous, according to a ten-year study.

Researchers in Australia found that a couple of drinks a day for most of the week were likely to prevent an attack, but one or two drinks on rare occasions could kill or cause serious illness. Just as much at risk were people who drank nothing all week but downed 13 measures — the equivalent of 612

night. Research has already shown that alcohol reduces the risk of clots by thinning the blood. But these studies have grouped together people with totally different drinking habits because their weekly intake was the same.

The research by the University of Newcastle in New South Wales, published in the British Medical Journal today, is the first to look at the different effects of alcohol on those who drink a small amount regularly and those who drink a

large amount occasionally. The statistical study was part of a World Health Organisation project, based on 11,500 cases of people who had suffered a heart attack and a random sample of 6,000 others who had not. The statistics were adjusted for factors such as age, smoking and medical

The team found that, as a general rule, alcohol consumption had a protective effect for 24 hours. Men who drank up to four units a day and women who drank half that amount had a lower risk of a

coronary than those who drank only once a week. The risk increased again if consumption exceeded those amounts.

The researchers said: "Caution is needed in promoting alcohol consumption because the adverse effects of abuse may well outweigh any potentially beneficial effect in reducing heart disease."

Another report in the journal said that government guidelines suggesting that people could drink a little more to reduce the risk of heart attacks had led to an increase in heavy drinkers. Any savings to

reducing the number of heartattack patients had been wiped out by the amount that would have to be spent on the medical problems of people suffering from drinking too much, it said.

Sensible Drinking, the Health Department advice issued in 1995. increased the recommended daily level of alcohol by one unit to help to reduce blood clots forming. A unit equals half a pint of beer, a glass of wine or a measure of spirits. This put up the level from three units to four for men and two

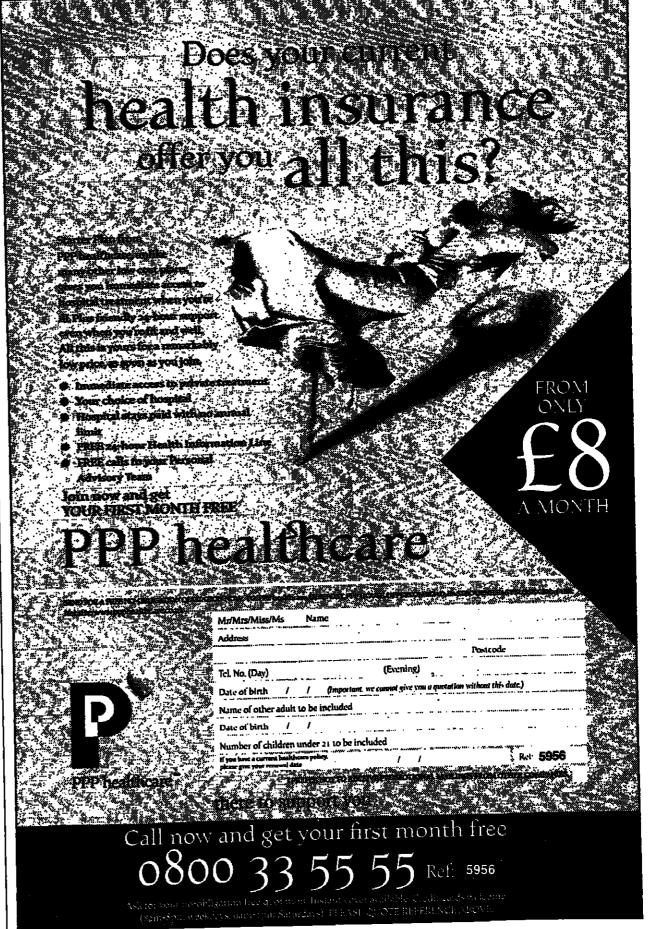
ers at University College London and the University of Bristol said this advice had led to a 6.3 per cent increase in the number of men drinking above the recommended level. Among women there was a 3.4 per cent increase.

The researchers, who based their findings on government figures, said the assumption that heavy drinkers were not affected by average drinking levels was wrong. "Our analysis suggests that this is not the case and that a higher than average consumption among mod-

higher rates of heavy drinking and problem drinking. Overall the greatest burden of alcohol related problems is among the large group of moderate drinkers at low risk than the smaller number of people at high risk."

Within the national figure there were wide regional variations in the proportion of people drinking above the government recommended limits. One in three men in the North came into this category. compared with one in five in East





## **Earliest** 'ape' stood up 20m years ago

By Nigel Hawkes

THE earliest animal that looked like modern apes and human being has been identified from fossils found in Uganda. The creature, about the size of a chimpanzee, lived in trees and walked on all fours. But it had a stiff back, a feature that is necessary for standing upright occasionally. as apes do.

A team of anthropologists from the United States and Uganda report in Science that the creature, called Morotopithecus, lived at least 20.6 million years ago, making it the oldest to have shared the characteristics of modern apes and human beings. The first such fossils were

discovered at Moroto in Uganda in the early 1960s. A team led by Dr Daniel Gebo, of Northern Illinois University. discovered more fossils there in 1994 and 1995.

They included a partial shoulder bone and parts of two leg bones that had modern features. The socket was round, allowing the branches. The team stops short of claiming Morotopithecus as the ancestor of modern apes, but rather as a sister species.

Last week two anthropologists from Southern Illinois University identified another primate as the ancestor of humans, chimps and gorillas. Kenyapithecus, fossils of which have been excavated from an island in Lake Victoria, lived about 15 million

# QCs call for funds to give death row Briton a chance

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

is British to his boot heels and

is regarded in international

law as British, although born

in Trinidad, and we have a duty which attaches to any

government to protect its na-

Maharaj, 58. was a self-made millionaire who arrived

in Britain in 1960. He drove a

lorry for a haulage company,

then decided that he could

make more money by owning

a vehicle. Within a few years

he had built up a profitable fruit import and distrubution

business. By the late 1960s, Chris Foreign Foods was a multimillion-pound concern. Shortly before his arrest he

shared a five-bedroom house

in two and a half acres with a

swimming pool at Fort Lauderdale. Now a prisoner on death row for nine years, he

has nothing to his name except a £10 watch and a few changes

of underwear. The house has

Mr David Penry-Davey

said: "There is a degree of

buck-passing by the Foreign Office here, which says re-

sources are available in the

States. But we know that those

tionals' interests."

FOUR leading QCs appealed to the Government yesterday for legal aid funds to help Chris Maharaj, a Briton facing execution for murder in the United States.

His lawyers need an esti-mated £75,000 to obtain scientific evidence for his appeal hearing in June, and to bring witnesses from abroad. Without the funds, they have little hope of overturning his con-viction. The QCs said that execution by electric chair would probably follow shortly

Maharaj, a businessman and racehorse owner, was convicted of the murders in 1986 of two businessmen in a Miami hotel room. The men were former business associates whom he was suing for breach of contract. Maharaj

claims he was set up.

He admitted going to the hotel an hour before the murders to meet a man who had booked into the room, but who did not appear. Maharaj was arrested on the word of a man who went to the police claiming to have been his accomplice. An insurance company investigation into the deaths concluded that the men were probably killed in connection with their involvement in drug trafficking, and that the killing had nothing to

do with Maharaj. The QCs appealing for funds are Robert Owen, chairman of the Bar Council; David

made available, which at the Penry-Davey, immediate past end of the day means that a man who might be innocent is, chairman of the council: Geoffrey Robertson and Philip Sapsford. Mr Robertson said for lack of financial resources. yesterday: "It is appalling that going to the electric chair." money should be the stumbling block at this point." He said that Maharaj had lived most of his life in Britain. "He

Both Mr Sapsford, acting on behalf of the Bar human rights committee, and Mr Robertson, representing more than 100 MPs, succeeded last April in persuading the Florida Supreme Court to order a fresh hearing on the evidence in Maharaj's case.
The Supreme Court accept

ed that there had been entirely unfair and improper proce-dures at his trial, during which the judge was arrested on bribery charges. Evidence in support of Maharaj's innocence had not been put

Mr Sapsford said yesterday that, if Maharaj were denied effective and proper legal rep-resentation at the forthcoming hearing and was executed, history would reflect "that the role of the Government was, at best, wilfully complacent and, at worst, an active abdication of its responsibilities to a British national."

A spokesman for the For-eign Office said: "We are aware that the family says they have no more funds to pay for representation. However, the UK authorities have said that Mr Maharaj will be represented." He added that there were no central government funds for the defence of resources are simply not being British nationals oversees.



Chris Maharaj faces execution soon after a review of the evidence in his case

## **Novelist** sketched the Saint for supper

By JOHN VINCENT

A DRAWING by the novelist Leslie Charteris of his most famous character was unveiled today as the film version of The Saint went on general release. Charteris dashed off the sketch of Simon Templar on the back of a dinner menu in 1961.

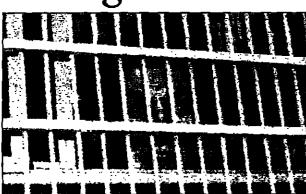
Now the drawing of the debonair criminal hero removing his halo has emerged on the auction market with two drawings done at the same time by Jean Cocteau. the French poet, writer and cinema director, who was dining with him. The three hastily drawn sketches, all in felt-fip pen, are expected to fetch about £300 at a Bonhams books and manuscript and books and manuscripts sale in London on April 29.

The story of the drawings dates back to October 31, 1961, when Peter Noble, then editor of Screen International, and his wife. Mary, were enter-taining Charteris and Cocreau at a restaurant during the Cannes Film Festival. As an impromptu contest of skill, both men drew their versions of the Saint on the back of their menus. They then gave them to Mr Noble, who said yesterday: "They are remind-ers of wonderful times in the film industry.

Charteris, born in Singapore in 1907, created Simon Templar in Enter the Saint, in 1930. He went on to become an American citizen in 1941. Cocteau (1889-1963) directed a string of films from the 1930s to the 1960s, including La Belle et la Bête (1949) and Orphée (1949).

The Saint was played in television by Roger Moore from 1963 to 1968.

## Bangkok heroin smuggler given transfer to Holloway



Sandra Gregory in a prison bus in Bangkok in 1996

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SANDRA GREGORY, the British woman serving a 25-year jail term in Bangkok for trying to smuggle heroin out of Thailand, is to serve the remainder of her sentence in Britain, it

was announced yesterday.
Gregory, 31, from Sowerby Bridge, west Yorkshire, is to be transferred from Klong Prem jail to Holloway. Thai officials said she could return within a fortnight but the Foreign Ofice in London said that her transfe could take eight to ten weeks because of administrative procedures.

Gregory, who was arrested in Febru-

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ary 1993 and jailed for 25 years for heroin smuggling in February 1996. has spent the past four years sharing a cell with 100 women. Her head was shaven after repeated infestations of lice and she has complained about overcrowding and a poor diet.

Jackie Cox, a friend of Gregory who has campaigned for her transfer, said she was delighted with the news, and that Gregory would be so excited that she would be "floating above the air". Gregory worked as a barmaid in

Sowerby Bridge before moving to Thailand in the early 1990s to teach English. She was arrested at Bangkok airport with more than three ounces of

heroin concealed in a condom in her body. Gregory had said that she needed money for her airfare home. and claimed that another traveller, Robert Lock, had offered her £650 her to smuggle the drug. Mr Lock, from Cambridge, was acquitted last year. Under British law, Gregory will be

eligible for parole in six years. Gregory qualified for repatriation in February, under a deal between Britain and Thailand. Such transfers are, however, not automatic and are subject to consideration by the Thai authorities. A Foreign Office spokesman in London confirmed that Gregory app-lied on February 5 for a transfer to this country and that this was agreed last

Her parents, who live in Aberdeen. declined to comment yesterday.

Prisoners Abroad, the group which helps to safeguard the humanitarian rights of Britons in foreign jalls, said that it was very pleased for Gregory. She would either be handed over into the care of the British Embassy in Bangkok or be escorted on a flight to London by Thai police and handed over to British prison officers at

Heathrow, a spokesman said. Gregory will be transferred with three other British nationals, whose names were not disclosed.



# THOMAS COOK IDAYS TO THIS SUMMER NORMANDY VENDEE STUDIO FROM FRANCE

Thomas Cook

## Vegetarian chef wins right to avoid meat

BY RICHARD DUCE

A VEGETARIAN chef has won his case that his dole money should not be stopped because he refused to cook meat. Simon Beavis, 25. a vegetarian since the age of 12, argued that his rights had been infringed when officials at his jobcentre ruled that he was restricting his chances of

employment. An independent appeal tribual in Truro has ordered that Mr Beavis, from Penzance, be paid two weeks of jobseeker's allowance and housing benefits of £75.

His victory puts vegetari-ans on a par with Jewish and Muslim chefs who can refuse to handle pork under a "conscientious objection" clause contained in applications for the jobsceker's allowance. Mr Beavis, who trained at restaurants in London, said he decided to voice his objections to cooking meat and fish when he had to boil live lobsters while working at a seafood restaurant in Pen-

not the noise, because I know that is caused by the shell contracting. It is the look in their eyes as they go into the water. It was a pleading look as if they were asking me not to put them in the pot."
Yesterday he said that he was delighted with the ruling:

This is a great victory for vegetarians. Hopefully now no one will be forced into jobs to which they really feel morally and ethically opposed. It is like being a conscientious objector and now they can't penalise you for that as long as you can prove you are actively seeking different sorts of work. It shows that it is always worth

taking things to appeal and not giving up the fight."

Chris Dessant, of the Vege-tarian Society, said: "The clear implication is that it is wrong for the Government to force somebody to work against his ethics."

A spokeswoman for the Department of Education and Employment said that she could not comment on any individual case. "It is entirely He told the tribunal: "It was a matter for the tribunal

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they can restrict the nature of their work. It is for the local jobcentre staff to determine if there is a reasonable chance Mr Beavis, a single parent

of them finding work."

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the area. Generally, if anyone

has a scriously held belief,

with a three-year-old daughter, has set up a business offering shares in an "agroforestry" business. He plans to use shareholders' money to buy plots of land. plant it with fruit trees in a honeycomb pattern, then allow shareholders to gather

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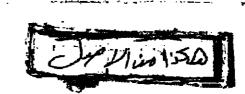
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# Redwood aide is driving Tory revolt

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

THE mastermind behind a campaign to give Conservative candidates cash for flouting the Government line on the single currency is John Redwood's chief aide, it emerged last night.

Hywel Williams is organising the campaign, financed by the Yorkshire millionaire Paul Sykes, to give candidates money if they oppose a single currency in their alertics, leaflest. By lost picks election leaflets. By last night 247 Tory candidates had either received financial support or had applied for it from Mr Sykes, who is a property developer.

Mr Redwood's Wokingham constituency, which is one of the safest Tory seats in the country, was one of the first to benefit from the generosity of Mr Sykes, who is one of Britain's 100 richest men.

The funding initiative by Mr Sykes, which he announced shortly before the general election, created a stampede. Each Conservative association is being given up to £2,500. Associations that have benefited include Harrogate, whose candidate is Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, who was a key supporter of the Redwood

leadership campaign. Mr Major's supporters pri-vately blame Mr Sykes, who contributed £200,000 to Conservative Party funds last year, for fuelling the flames of the Eurosceptic revolt. The growing number of candidates, inclduing ministers, prepared to breach the carefully crafted government line, was a direct cause of the Tory turmoil over Europe this

Although Mr. Redwood: has not been personally involved.

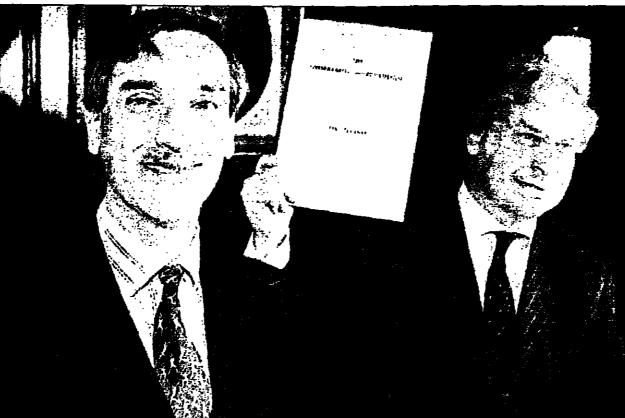
the fact that the chief of staff of a party leadership contender organised the move, which has wreaked havoc on the party's election campaign, will dismay John Major loyalists. Mr Redwood, who has been

assiduously loyal to the Prime Minister so far during the general election campaign, broke cover for the first time yesterday when he became the first senior Tory to criticise Mr Major's stance on the European single currency. The move put him at the head of the growing revolt against the Government's single currency

In the first public signs of the tussie among Eurosceptic Tories for the party leadership in the event of a Conservative defeat on May I, Michael Portillo rebuked Mr Redwood on BBC Radio 4's Today programme. The Defence Secretary also reminded listeners that Mr Redwood had been involved in a leadership contest with the Prime Minister and lost.

Mr Williams who runs the Conservative 2000 Founda-tion, which he set up with Mr Redwood to promote a populist right-wing agenda, said last night that he had persuad-ed Mr Sykes not to abandon the Conservatives for the Referendum Party and instead to spend about £600,000 in trying to smoke out candidates prepared to oppose the single currency publicly in their election literature.

Mr Williams, who made clear that his action was nothing to do with Mr Redwood, said: "The initiative by Paul Sykes has shown where the Conservative Party stands Mr Redwood went public



John Redwood, left, with Hywel Williams, an aide who is masterminding the Tory revolt over the euro

with his criticism, shared privately by many Thatcherite Tories, because he judged that the mood in the party had swung his way.

Friends of Mr Major said that in the event of a heavy election defeat, he would delay his resignation as party leader if he thought it would upset Mr Redwood's leadership ambitions. Last night, how-ever, friends of Mr Redwood conspicuously failed to deny that they would be ready for a leadership contest on May 2.

Portillo loyalty, page 10 euro.

More Tories join euro rebellion A FURTHER 46 Conservative The new euro-scepties are:

candidates have declared themselves against a single European currency in interviews or election literature: 223 candidates have made clear they will not vote for a single currency.

The businessman Paul Sykes said yesterday that 247 Conservatives had accepted his offer of funds to cover election expenses if candidates would rule out voting for the

South; Robert Light, Halliac; Sebastian Lesile, Angus; Oliver Leftwin, West Dorset; Michael Lord, Central Suffolk; Robert Key, Salisbury; Brian Kirsch, Nottingham South; Simon Mallett, York; Rupert Matthews, Boote; Paul Martand, Forest of Dean; lan Martin, Croydon North; Gordon Melatosh, Hamilton N and Bellshilt; Jain Mitchell, Durflermiline E; Margaret Mitchell, Curnighame N; Sir Michael Neubert, Romford; Patrick Nicholls, Teignbridge; Martin Potter, Chestarfield; Nell Powrle, Dundee West, Stephen Rold, Easteigh; Stuart Section, Lagan Valley; Mary Scanlon, Inverness East, Nalm and Lochaber; Hugo Swire, Greenock and Inversivice;

## Heseltine adrift on the airwaves

#### RADIO WATCH: Peter Barnard

I WAS obliged to take two aspirin and lie down in a darkened room for a few minutes last night I am better now, although the

ringing in the ears persists. Listening to John Major on the radio at various times during the first part of the day, and then listening to Michael Heseltine on the radio in the evening, had done me in.

Not that I am complaining. Not that anyone should complain. After all, those of us who heard that John Major was minded to give backbenchers a free vote on the single currency spent several hours occupying a most privileged position: we seemed to know more about Tory policy than did the

Deputy Prime Minister. When Charlie Lee-Potter. joint presenter of Radio 4's PM programme, said: "We are joined now from West-minster by Michael Heseltine," the expectation was of a routine interview designed to flesh out Mr Major's indication of a free vote on the euro.

Lee-Potter asked if Mr Heseltine was as unaware as Kenneth Clarke had seemed to be earlier in day of Mr Major's announcement. The blue touch paper was not long alight before the air around Mr Heseltine

was alive with starbusts. One feared for his hair. "Well he didn't, did he ... what I find extraordinary about the coverage of this campaign ... journalists trivialising the issues."

Mr Heseltine thought he had a trump card: a transcript of what Mr Major had said at the morning press conference, to wit that the possibility of a free vote was "a decision that could be taken at the time". But it was soon clear that Mr Heseltine was unaware of Mr Major's later remark that "if the voters get a chance to vote on it via a referendum", then so should

"Why are you misquoting the Prime Minister?" Mr Heseltine wanted to know. And: "You are grossly distorting what he said." One could visualise Mr Heseltine, bent over a microphone in Westminster, waving his transcript. But transcripts at election time are like London taxis: there is always another one on the way. You just have to make

sure you flag it down.
One wonders whether the well-oiled Labour machine would allow Mr Blair to bothering to tell John Prescott. On balance, it seemed

## Free vote may expose sceptics as Parliament's noisy minority

JOHN MAJOR'S offer of a free vote to Tory MPs on the single currency got a swift and predictable welcome from the Enro-sceptics yester-

But the most avid pro-

Europeans in both parties were far from dismayed by it. They were pointing out yesterday that the biggest decision of all on Europe - Parliament's decision in 1971 to enter at the end of the following year - came after a free Tory vote. "They do not know it but this is terrible, terrible news for the sceptics," one

He was clearly exaggerating. But the pro-Europeans do believe that a decision to It was Edward Heath's use of the free vote in 1971 that took Britain into Europe in the first place, Philip Webster writes

go into a single currency could only ever be taken if what they call the natural pro-European majority in Parliament is mobilised with Labour and the Liberal Democrats lining up with sympa-

dissolved this month half the Tory party might have been considered Eurosceptic, but only one fifth of Labour MPs

thetic Tories. In the Commons which was

and only one Liberal Demo-

crat MP are sceptics. The overall balance is unlikely to change much after the election. If there are more Tory Eurosceptics they will almost certainly be balanced by more Labour pro-Europeans. Tristan Garel-Jones, the

former Foreign Office Minister and confidant of Mr Major, said earlier this year that, with hindsight, perhaps the biggest mistake the Government had made over Maastricht was not to seek to assemble that majority but to range of hones whip it through. Perhaps Mr Major had that

in mind when he told his press conference yesterday that if a Tory Cabinet did ever decide it was right to go into a single currency it would be for parliament then to decide. The Conservative party would take its own decision, but the one that mattered, he clearly implied, was that of Parlia-

The argument is that if the Tories give themselves a free vote, it is easier for the pro-Europeans in the other parties to come to their aid. That was how it happened over arguably the most important House of Commons vote since the war.

In the autumn of 1971 Edward Heath, then Prime Minister, wanted to get backing for entry to the European Community through on the votes of its own supporters rather than relying on the Opposition.

of 25 at the time. There were some 40 immoveable anti-Europeans on his own side, of whom the most outspoken and compelling was Enoch Powell.

With the vote due on October 28. Mr Heath was still insisting as late as October 11 that a free vote was out of the question. But Francis Pym, the Chief Whip, knew that he could not guarantee to deliver Mr Heath the majority he so dearly sought

Mr Pym felt that he had a better chance of bringing over the substantial body of Labour pro-Europeans if the Tories themselves were voting freely. It was at a meeting a the Commons on October 18 that Mr Pym, his predecessor William Whitelaw, Tony Barber, his Chancellor, and Lord Carrington finally persuaded Mr Heath to relent.

The tactic, even though Mr Heath gave in grudgingly and from a position of weak-ness, was to work to perfection. He got the credit for seeking a true expression of the will of the House.

Harold Wilson, the Labour leader, defied expectations and refused to grant a free vote on his side. But it was the fact that the Government had not whipped which allowed Roy Jenkins and 68 other Labour pro-Europeans to dely their own masters while feeling that they were not supporting the Government of the day.

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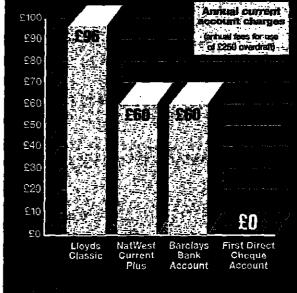
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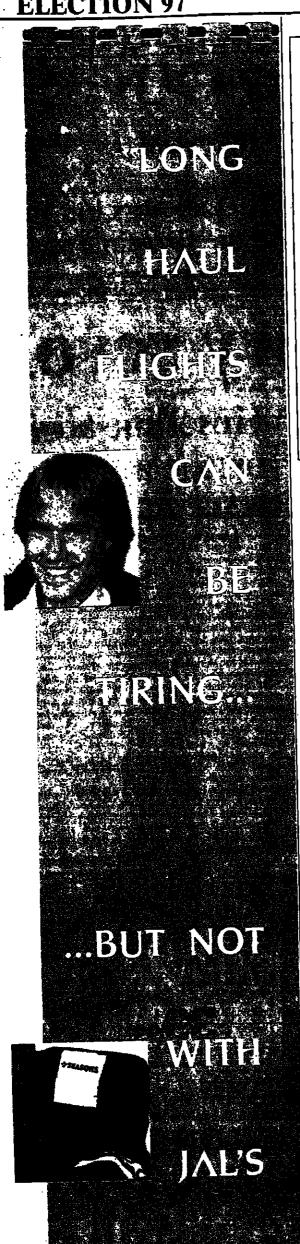
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# Beware: candidate's mother at large

"HALF-WAY through the 1992 general election cam-paign," Mark Mason writes in this month's Oldie, "Francis Maude, the defending Conservative candidate in N

Warwickshire, was enjoying a pub lunch with his team. One of them leant across to him. 'Don't want to alarm you, Francis, but I saw an old Morris Traveller touring the lanes this morning.' Within seconds, Maude was on the mobile phone to his headquarters: 'I have reason to believe,' he told them, 'that my mother is at large in the constituency." Lady Maude

Mr Maude is now stand-ing for Horsham. He will win: 42,410 people voted Conservative there last time. And his mother? "She still has that Morris Traveller," one of his team told me. "She tends to organise her own itinerary. She's out canvassing for Francis now."

Tory candidate Francis Maude has a secret v eapon — his mother, campaigning at the age of 82. Matthew Parris looked for her in vain

Maude said ruefully, "you stay canvassed." I reminded him of the story that Lady Maude had been seen, foot wedged in the door of a lifelong Labour supporter, shouting through the gap. "So I'll put you down as a 'don't know', shall !?" Was the story true?

Maude said. I asked where she was. "Er, somewhere in the, er, extreme west of the constituency," he said, slightly shiftily I thought. We were in the extreme east. One had

orders had gone out to pre vent the press reaching Lady Maude. Your sketchwriter respectful of people's mothers (and mindful of the time

> It came as something of a shock to be reminded just how Conservative parts of England remain. Within minutes of leaving the train, I had spotted blue Tory post-ers. Maude and his team, preparing for an afternoon's canvass over lunch at the Half Moon in Balcombe,

when my own told my con-

stituents she was really a

Liberal) gave up, and fol-

cent lady. obviously in charge, was taking the opportunity to arrange afterdinner speakers for Conservative functions. "I can seat about 80 at home," she said, in a matter-of-fact way. "If you want us to find a peer. tell us, and we'll find a peer." I discussed with her the social mix in the constituency, the borders of Crawley being less grand: private housing estates. They've spent money on shrubs," she

said kindly. She was worried about public transport in an area where most but not all owned their own cars. "People need excitement," she said. "I get mine hunting, youths smash up phone boxes. It's really

We departed, to canvass "Hop in." said a splendid gentleman. "I've had the Volvo decked out in Tory



Maude: can count on maternal support

the roof? I've been assured they'll come orf." Many citadels have been stormed by new Labour, a crunchy grav-el drive, a BMW, a second home ... but the category of those who still say "orf", and the category of those who vote for Tony Blair, overlap

As we walked down The Old Hollow (Mr Maude sporting a big blue rosette, drivers flashed their lights and gave him the thumbs up. Mowers mowed, sprinklers sprinkled, and, from behind barrages of rhododendrons deep woofs disturbed the birdsong. This was big dog country. At the first home we canvassed, set in a wide lawn, a friendly, retired couple complained about pensions and local bound-

Mr Maude listened to their criticisms. "I don't think we'll be voting Tory this time," the husband concluded.

Mr Maude looked at me, disheartened that our first call had proved negative. But I drew a different conclusion Such people tell pollsters they will not support the Government. I had the strongest impression that, on the day, they will.

## Portillo shows the quality of loyalty is not strained

AS HE munches his steak and kidney pie, Michael Portillo does not sound like a Cabinet minister two weeks from widely expected consignment to the Opposition.
Sitting with four of his local

helpers in Ye Olde Cherry tree, an ancient pub in his north London constituency. the Defence Secretary exudes the bounce and self assurance of a man on a roll.

The glow could, of course, be due to his near certain victory in Enfield and Southgate, the strong Tory seat that he has held since 1984, but it would be hard not to detect a hint of something else. The latest surge of party anguish over Europe has not hindered his efforts to present himself as the voice of reasoned Euroscepticism in the Conservative front ranks. That credential may be essential for any future party leader.

Mr Portillo was sifting his every word through the loyal-ty strainer as he pondered Europe and his opposition to any further integration over his half pint of bitter. The "imminent danger" to Britain stemmed from next June's Amsterdam summit on a new Union treaty, he said. So what would he do in Amsterdam if



Michael Portillo believes that his brand of Euroscepticism puts him in the Conservative mainstream, writes **Charles Bremner** 

would say no to all the things that are listed in the Conservative manifesto . . . page 46," he replied with a wry smile.

Could he ever back British conversion to the euro? "I couldn't be clearer in my support for the Prime Minister. He is right to have that policy since he won the leadership election on it." Only once did Mr Portillo

let the guard slip a little. Did he feel that his brand of euroscepticism was now shared by the majority in the party? "I feel pretty mainstream," he said. Personally bound to discre-

tion, Mr Portillo called on the four constituency workers as an example of how worried people were about losing sovereignty to Brussels. All chimed in with strong views on the threat to Britain and its

way of life. "They're trying to take away everybody's identity and national pride and make people all the same." said Inese Aivars, one of his Maggie campaigners. Maggie Tahmasebi, her colleague, wholeheartedly agreed. The talk was not about the merits of the single currency, but about whether Britain should have any place at all in a

European Union. Free from any ministerial entourage, he drove his cam-paign van, a rust-coloured Renault with a precarious loudspeaker rack tied on with string. The long grey double-breasted overcoat added to the impression of a man trying to look a decade older than his 43 years. Like most middle-aged candidates, he has learned the names of all the Spice Girls.

Most of the shopkeepers and passers by in Palmer's

Cyprus or points further east. None brought up Europe as they shook his hand, but questioned, most said Britain should stay out of the single currency. "He's put his foot down on Europe and he's absolutely right to do it," said Homero Nikiforo, head waiter at a restaurant on Mr

Portillo's path. His backing from much of the big immigrant population in the constituency serves the argument of the half-Spanish minister that his crusade is not fuelled by a little England xenophobia. "I react strongly against the charge of xenophobia," he says. "It's exactly the opposite. It's because we are so international in our thinking that we can't accept a federal Europe."

So strong is Mr Portillo in Enfield, that he is devoting much of his effort to campaigning to save the electoral ife of Ian Twinn, the Conservative who holds the neigh-bouring seat of Edmonton by a tiny majority of less than 600. As far as his own future is concerned the Defence Secretary is silent "I'm not prepared to talk about things not working out on May I. They will and they must."



Michael Portillo in his constituency yesterday

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## Sutch pulls out to nurse his mother

SCREAMING Lord Sutch is to miss his first general election for 33 years to nurse his 81-year-old mother (Carol Midgley writes). Annie, the mother of the leader of the Monster Raving Loony Par-

ty, broke her hip in a fall. Lord Sutch first stood for Parliament in 1964 in Stratford on Avon and was this time to have challenged John Major in Huntingdon. But in recent weeks he has been at the hospital bedside of his mother. This is the first time l have missed a general election since 1964 but when you have family they come first," he said. "Ever since she

politics. "She's had an operation but there have been complications, and at that age, bones take a long time to heal. "

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her and can't concentrate on

Lord Sutch, whose real name is David, was brought up as an only child by his mother after his father, a policeman, was killed during the war by a bomb. Yesterday, the Prime Minister said that he would miss

Lord Sutch. "He is a national institution. At the last election

he was by far the most intelligent opponent." Alan Hope, the party's spokesman, speaking from its headquarters, a pub in Devon, said that the leader was very disappointed. "He hasn't got the spirit or inclination at the moment. He will bounce back though for the next election. We do have candidates standing around the country though I

think we are being out-

loonied by the main parties."



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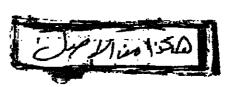
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## BMA chief derides 'pathetic' pledge of £100m for NHS

By JILL SHERMAN AND JAMES LANDALE

LABOUR'S plans to spend £100 million on reducing NHS waiting lists were yesterday dismissed as "frankly pathetic" by the chairman of the British Medical Association. Sandy Macara accused all parties of failing to address chronic underfunding in the health service.

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Mr Blair argued that the Tories would destroy the NHS through creeping privatisation, longer waiting lists and increased bureaucracy. At a rally in Edinburgh last night, the Labour leader said that a lifth Tory term of office would give the party a "licence to kill" the health service. He added that the Government's reforms were strangling the NHS and insisted that the service would be safe only in Labour's hands.

But Dr Macara said that Labour offered no better solution than the Tories. Asked THE LABOUR CAMPAIGN

about Mr Blair's £100 million pledge. Dr Macara said: "It's frankly pathetic - but no more pathetic than the others. There is just a total failure by any of the parties to recognise that we need to face the fact that the NHS has always been and remains chronically un-

derfunded." Interviewed on Radio 4's World at One. Dr Macara said he was impressed that Labour was looking at ways of saving money by changing the system, but pointed out that the Tories had a head start. He also emphasised that savings were limited. "I do not believe that changes by themselves will save significant funds."

The BMA, which represents 113,500 doctors, has rarely criticised Labour in the past 18

years. At the last two elections, Labour said it would make up underfunding in the NHS. In 1992 it promised an extra El billion in the first 22 months of government, and to restore

free dental and eye checks.
This year Labour has pledged no more money than the Tories, other than switching £100 million from bureaucracy to frontline care. Some £40 million has already been pledged for cancer services.

Dr Macara, BMA chairman for the last four years, said that doctors would step up their demands for extra funds if Labour was elected. But his comments contrasted sharply with those of John Marks, a former BMA chairman, who was on the platform at Labour's press conference yesterday morning. Dr Marks, chairman be-

tween 1984 and 1990, insisted that if the Tories were relected the NHS would be destroyed. We no longer have a truly national health service - we have 400 localised squabbling services in which patients lie on trolleys because there are no beds.

Mr Blair told the rally: "If the Tories get back for a fifth term, they will believe they have a licence to do whatever they want." He told the Tories: "Stop pretending you believe in the NHS when everything you do is undermining the NHS. Stop saying you value the NHS when you are cutting the number of nurses left, right and centre, and bringing in managers to replace them. Stop saying the NHS is safe in your hands

when your reforms are slowly

strangling it to death." Tessa Jowell, Shadow Health Minister, announced that Labour would spend £10 million on top of an existing allocation of £30 million to help with diagnosing and treating breast cancer. Labour would create a nationwide network of one-stop teams for breast cancer diagnosis, so that all tests could be done on



The Labour Party's latest campaign video, aimed at attracting first-time voters, signs off with a message from the leader, Tony Blair

## Blair puts his shirt on winning youth vote

Ben Macintyre thinks the young will like the language of Labour's video: there is none

THE Labour Party has produced a campaign video designed to lure firsttime voters with a simple but powerful message: vote new Labour and total strangers will shower you with love in the streets of Islington.

The three-minute video, premiered at Labour's Millbank Tower headquarters yesterday, begins by zooming in on a doormat on which lies a copy of The Sun announcing the arrival of election day. No. insisted Mo Mowlam, Labour's spokeswoman on youth, the choice was in no way connected with The Sun's endorsement of Tony Blair.

To the soundtrack of D:Ream's Things Can Only Get Better, a handsome young man wearing the casual uniform of new Labour -

button-down collar, belted cream stacks - reads his paper, eats his toast, picks up his polling card and heads off to do his democratic duty.

As he walks along, the card flies out

of his hand into the road. He dashes to retrieve it and is almost flattened by a elderly motorist. Instead of accelerating over him in a fit of road rage, the old chap's face lights up when he sees who is going to vote. He beams and raises his thumb.

The same eestatic reaction greets our hero on the high street: a pretty girl spontaneously buys him a bunch of red roses; a yoof getting his hair dyed pink leaps from the barber's chair to wave and cheer, clean and trendy young people outside a café

swoon and applaud as he passes. For it transpires that there are two identically clad blue-shirted fellows walking side by side. There is the one with the poor road sense, and there is the other one, whose face is not revealed as he marches poliwards.

Who is this mystery man, who has

such a galvanic effect on the granny in the polling station? Why does the Conservative candidate (suited, bespectacled, square) look so dejected as the man sweeps in now trailed by a

bevy of bimbos and a lot of balloons? Suddenly, and not entirely pleas-antly, we get a close-up shot into his ear and of a lock of hair. What began as a Gap commercial has become A Question of Sport. I reckon it's Glenn Hoddle, David. Then we get a single

pale eye, with a strangely dilated pupil. Can it be Will Self?

But no. The camera pans upwards to reveal that the novice voter's doppelgänger, the man adored by punks and pensioners alike. It is Tony Blair himself. He grins word-lessly. "Do it" is scrawled across the screen, followed by the Labour leader's signature.

Dr Mowlam said that "tens of thousands" of the videos would be sent to all Labour candidates for showing in youth clubs and schools. Labour's visual pitch comes in a language the video generation can understand: there is no language. But there is a subliminal sartorial slogan: under new Labour, smart shirts will be for the many, not the few.

## Jennifer's family reject 'ear' replay

THE family of the girl how his daughter had waitused as the basis for the 1992 Labour election broadcast that provoked The Battle of Jennifer's Ear" has rejected a suggestion by Conservatives to let the case be used again.

It was suggested that the girl's experience might be used to show how Labour "scaremongered" over hospital waiting-lists. Her grandfather. Peter Lee Roberts, prominent in the Conservative Party in Kent, made clear the family wanted to protect Jennifer, who is now ten. The family blame the political fracas for the break-up of the girl's parents.

During the 1992 campaign, Jennifer's father, John Bennett, contacted the Labour Party to tell of

LABOUR'S campaign on the health service is disreputable

and dishonest. It grossly exag-

gerates both the alleged threat to the NHS and the

scope for improvements under

This will probably not mat-ter electorally since health is

one of the party's strongest issues with voters. But party

leaders should not be allowed

to get away with the negative

tactics and "old" Labour

sloganising that they have so

eagerly condemned this week.

The "14 days to save the

NHS" charge is vacuous. It is

nonsense to suggest, as John

Prescott has, that the NHS

would be "destroyed" if the

Tories were re-elected. Of

course, there is plenty of

argument about the adequacy

of funding and the operation

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any Labour Government.

ed for more than a year for a routine operation for glue ear at her local hospital. The grandfather realised that the broadcast referred to Jennifer's case and approached Conserva-tive Central Office to contest Labour's story.

Jennifer's mother Margaret, a Conservative supporter, argued with her partner over the broadcast and dismissed Labour's claims as lies. The fracas was in the news for days.

One Conservative in Faversham said: "There was mention of looking at Jennifer's case to show up the lies that were told about waiting-lists in this area but we realised the upset this would cause and scrapped the idea."

Dishonesty is not the

cure for ailing system

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fundholding. But it is irres-

ponsible scaremongering to allege, as Mr Prescott did, that

"you won't get treated unless you can pay for it". There is no

suggestion that the Tories will

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doctors or going to hospital, nor will it run down NHS services to encourage/force people into the private sector, as has occurred with dentistry.

Chris Smith, the Shadow Health Secretary, developed a more subtle line of criticism. He talked of a shift to privatisation by allowing family doctors to be employed by commercial organisations and clinical services to be provided by the private sector. There is room for argument about whether this would provide care more efficiently, or would affect relationships between patients and doctors, but the use of the term "privatisation" is misleading since such changes would not undermine the basic principle of a "free at

the point of use" service. The much trumpeted special election pledge in Labour's manifesto to release E100 million from administration to cut hospital waiting lists by 100,000 is a trivial gimmick in the context of a NHS budget which is due to rise by £1.19 billion this year to more than £34 billion. As Dr Sandy Macara of the BMA

Sandy Macara of the BMA commented, the pledge is frankly pathetic."

Whatever criticisms may be made of the Tory health changes, spending has risen substantially every year. Apart from its £100 million and the place of the place has not promited. pledge. Labour has not promised to spend any more than the Tories.

The Liberal Democrats have been candid enough to admit the funding dilemma and propose earmarked revenue for the NHS. But Labour's reluctance to consider increases in taxation (other than the windfall levy on the utilities) and coolness to many efficiency initiatives undermine the party's pledge to deliver a better NHS.

The Tories have only managed to raise spending every year by taking measures to save money on other programmes which Labour has opposed. Labour's current health policy is mainly vague aspiration and gesture pol-

## John Burnett

John Burnett, Liberal Democrat candidate for Torridge and West Devon, is (contrary to a report. April 16) a farmer and cattle breeder.



Crispin Blunt, who has said that a Tory "donkey" could win in Reigate

# Gardiner promises to make a donkey out of his Tory rival

Michael Evans meets a rejected former MP who refuses to let go

SIR GEORGE GARDINER, \* deselected Tory and second biggest star of the Referendum Party, is convinced that he has his Conservative rival on the run and is fully expecting to get his revenge on the "toffee-nosed tendency" in the Reigate

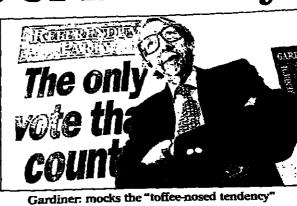
Crispin Blunt, a former soldier (13th/18th Royal Hussars) and special adviser to Malcolm Rifkind, rashly joked at his selection meeting that a donkey could stand as Conservative in Reigate and still win. Animals are one of Sir George's strong points. His campaign leaflet depicts him being lavishly licked by a bulldog, just to underline his self-image as a man who will fight for the interests of his country rather than those of a European superstate.

"I won't let Crispin Blunt forget his donkey remark. He may have been joking but he

and I think I've got him on the run," Sir George said yesterday over a pint in a pub near his headquarters in

Reigate's main street.
After 23 years as Tory MP for Reigate, Sir George was deselected over his perceived disloyalty to John Major. He had demanded that the Prime Minister "get off the feuce" and declare his opposition to a single currency. There is a faction in the Conservative constituency association I call the toffeenosed tendency. They can't stand to have an MP with a mind of his own," he said.

Now, as the Reigate candi-date for Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party. he predicts that his vindication is just two weeks away. He said: "I have people working for Crispin Blunt who will vote for me. It's like having a fifth column in my rival's office."



Queen's Medal at Sandhurst, the prize for the best regular officer, is not complacent about his anticipated victory. despite his "donkey" com-ment (which he regrets). At the Tory constituency office in Redhill, he said: "George had a lot of people who were loyal to him but he commit-

ted political suicide." Mr Blunt insisted that his views on Europe were not so far adrift from those held by the man he replaced. He said he could not envisage the

present Cabinet making a collective decision to recommend Britain joining the single currency in the near future, "so it won't happen".

It was right, however, for Mr Major to stick to the waitand-see policy as a negotiat-ing tactic. "When I explain that to the people on the doorstep, they understand,"

Sir George accused him of trying to sound Euro-sceptic. "We're miles apart on Europe," he said. Sir George and Mr Blunt had their best

chance to persuade the youn-ger generation of their differ-ing views on Europe when they attended a debate at the local comprehensive school vesterday with four other

candidates. Sir George said he had joined the Referendum Pany because he wanted to stop Britain becoming part of a federal Europe. "But I'm still a Tory at heart, as I always have been."

He remains a member of the local Tory constituency party. If he beats Mr Bhint on May I and is elected as MP for Reigate for the Referendum Party, he foresees a time when he could re-apply for the Tory whip. "I resigned the Tory whip, I didn't lose it," he

Sir George sees Tory seats "falling like ninepins" on May I and predicted a Labour majority of at least 50. Mr Blunt is afraid that a

Labour government would do enormous damage to the Armed Forces which would again" by a future Conserva-

## Welsh veteran raises hope of gain in seats

PLAID CYMRU

IT IS 17 years since Gwynfor Evans threatened to starve himself to death for a Welsh language television channel (Valerie Elliott writes). It was a deliberate ploy to raise the morale of his party after the referendum defeat on

Today the former Plaid Cymru MP and Grand Old Gentleman of Welsh nationalism has new frontiers to conquer. Mr Evans will be 85 this year but his vision for a separate Welsh nation remains as clear as ever.

His immediate hope is for Plaid Cymru to add to its four MPs and become the second largest party in Wales.

This election, however, is particularly nostalgic for Mr Evans. His former Carmar-



Gwynfor Evans: still campaigning at 84

then seat has disappeared and Carmarthen Town Hall, scene of historic knife-edge election counts, will no longer feature in election-night broadcasts. However poignant the change, Mr Evans says it is

better for Plaid. Carmarthen had a solid Labour vote. This time the action has shifted to Carmarthen East and Dinefwr where Rhodri Glyn Thomas for Plaid will attempt to topple Labour's Dr Alan Williams. The other seat, Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire, will be a fight again between Plaid's Roy Llewellyn and the former Lab-

our MP Nick Ainger. Mr Evans is convinced Plaid can win the seats if the Liberals and Tories vote tactically. He was scathing about

Labour's assembly plan for Wales and indignant that differently from Scotland. The assembly proposed by Labour tax-raising powers. An immediate target, how-

ever, is to make Welsh the official language. It was given parity with English in the Welsh Language Act 1967. The cause of Welsh has a new ally digitial television. It will have so many advantages. Welsh-speaking people in England will be able to see Welsh programmes. Welsh television will be shown on the continent ..." Perhaps a Welsh voice in Europe is not

## THE MANIFESTO

PLAID CYMRU has produced the most radical manifesto of any substantial party, pledging a 2p rise in income tax to create 100.000 jobs in Wales. Plaid wants a "Powerhouse Parliament" for Wales with law-making and tax-raising powers. Self-government would be achieved in five years, then independent Wales would decide by referendum whether the Queen or the Prince of Wales should remain head of state. The social programme would cost £550 million and

would cost an average household in Wales an extra £275 a year. The relinking of pensions to carnings, an increase from £62 to £83 a week, would be funded by abolishing the nuclear deterrent. The party would raise £160 mil-lion from a new standard rate of 25p, £180 million from a new top rate of 50p. £90 million from ending the upper limit on National Insurance contributions, £60 million from a windfall tax on utilities and £90 million from other tax adjustments.

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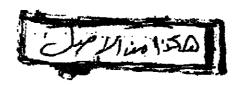
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# Lib Dems put their recognisable face on parade

HOW many Liberal Democrats could you pick out in an identity parade? Paddy certainly. David Steel probably. Oh, and didn't that nice one with the straight, grey hair and the look of a grandmotherly professor used to be Shirley Williams?

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मानाराज्य है कि जीवार क्षेत्र के

Baroness Williams of Crosby has not been an MP since 1983, but her old political comrades know the value of a well-kempt face, and are using the one-time Labour Education Secretary, member of the original Gang of Four, and all-round enduring good egg, as a star performer on the campaign trail.

Now aged 66, and a Professor of Politics at Harvard, Baroness Williams, retains a formidable energy and enthusiasm for the hustings. Yesterday afternoon, she spent 40 minutes in a deep leather armchair with Sir Peter Ustinov beside her, answering questions from an invited audience of 20 from the key London marginal constituency of Richmond Park.

The moment it was over, she was whisked to Paddington to catch the four o'clock train to Cardiff, where she was addressing a rally. The previous evening she had addressed a similar rally in



Everyone thinks that they remember Shirley

Williams, even if they are not sure where from, writes Alan Hamilton

to keep up with her.

any party."

campaign manager. "She is

instantly recognised but is

also a political thinker, and

you don't get many of them in

Although she spends half

her year in America, Lady

Williams is a regular transat-

lantic commuter, attending important Lords' debates and

recently helping to draw up

her party's manifesto. She is

also, in such spare time as she

has, an adviser to the European Commission on its poli-

cy towards Eastern Europe.

Bath dashing back to London for yesterday morning's Lib Dem press conference. Shirley relishes every moment of her 18-hour days. She says she was fired

largely by her distaste at the way in which new Labour has moved away from a commitment to the redistribution of wealth and investment in education and the health service. She would, she says, have played a much bigger part in the last election campaign had it not been for the ego of former Lib Dem campaign manager, Des Wilson.

According to Lady Wil-liams, only Mr Wilson and Paddy Ashdown were cleared to do mainstream media appearances in 1992. "I was only allowed to do things like the Piddleborough Gazette," she says. This time she is a frontline national spokesman allowed to talk about anyday," said one. Organising the Baroness is the task of Kate Parminter, who runs her campaign diary.
"She is our number one

campaigner in terms of the number of visits she is doing around the country, and media initiatives. Every moment of her working day is accounted for," Ms Parminter said. "By the end of the thing to anyone quick enough campaign she will have been in Wales, Scotland, the South "She is putting as much West, all the home counties. energy into this campaign as the Isle of Wight ... She will be completely familiar with the crumbling public transyour average Cabinet minister," according to Graham Watson, a Lib Dem MEP and

port system." Ms Parminter added: "She is a national institution. She has had an inspiring life, and that seems to shine through in every speech she makes."

On the doorstep, everyone thinks they recognise her but are not always entirely sure what she is doing. "Are you the Education Secretary?" a woman asked her this week in south London. "I was," she replied, "I was the good one. Now it's Mrs Shephard; she's a different party."

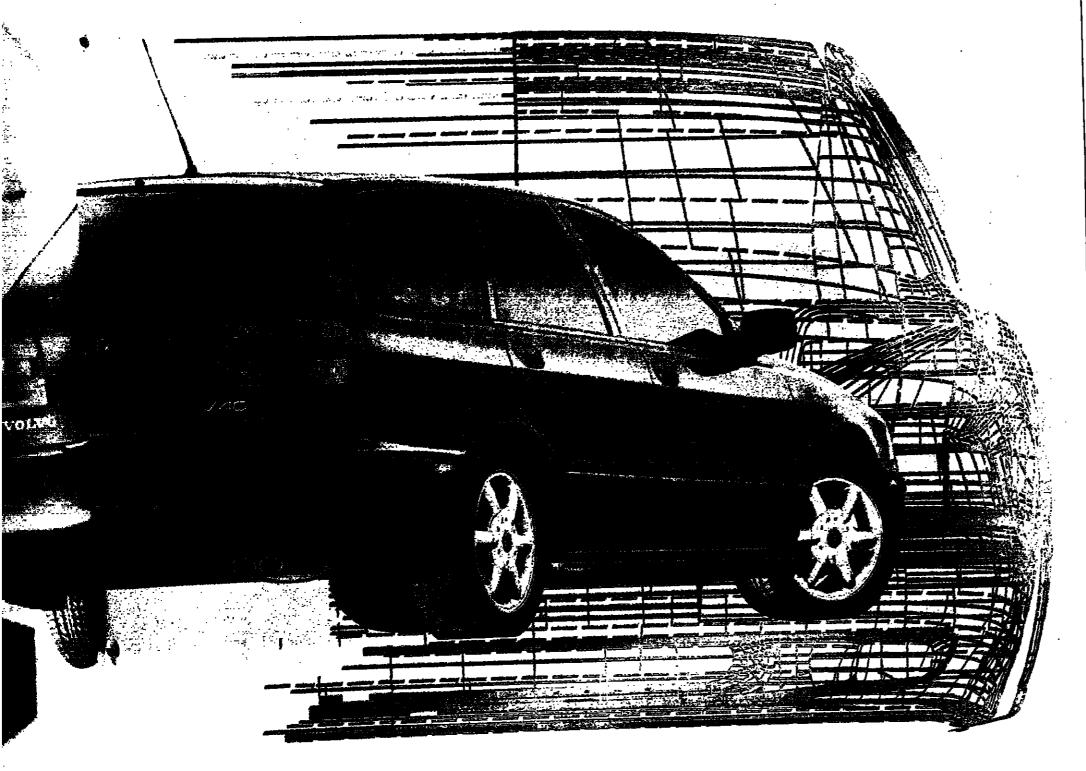
Even her party colleagues are in awe of her drive. For a person who once had the "Oh", said the woman in a flash of recognition, "you're a liberal, aren't you?"

Additional reporting by reputation of being hopelessly disorganised, she packs a Polly Newton



Lady Williams yesterday. She retains great enthusiasm for the hustings and relishes her 18-hour days

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## Major trying to lead two parties, says Ashdown

#### THE LIB DEM CAMPAIGN

PADDY ASHDOWN said last night that the Tory split over Europe meant that there were now in effect two Conservative parties (Polly Newton

Addressing a rally in Cardiff, the Liberal Democrat leader said that John Major was struggling to keep his party together on Europe like a man trying to get an octopus in a sack". The Prime Minister had wrestled "this way and that, one moment appearing to have got a leg in only to see three legs pop out the other side." Mr Ashdown said that "in

one Tory party" were "the few left who understand that Britain's future lies in Europe. In the other Tory party, the kind of people whose idea of a European policy is to shout louder in English."

The internal turmoil of the Conservative Party now constituted the foreign policy of the British Government.

In a speech focusing mainly on Liberal Democrat health policy. Mr Ashdown said that the Conservatives had brought the National Health Service to its knees and that Labour's adoption of Tory spending plans would have

replaced co-operation and bureaucracy had sharply in-creased. Today, Florence Nightingale would be known not as the Lady with the Lamp but as the Lady with the Calculator. "Where once doctors asked: what does the patient need?, now they are forced to ask: 'how much does it cost? Where once all were equal, now some are more equal than others."

competition in the NHS had

The Liberal Democrat leader said he could not imagine how today's "timid" Labour party would react now to the idea of establishing the NHS. "Imagine Beveridge propos-ing the NHS to Gordon Brown. 'Is it within the Conservatives' spending plans? How about a period of consultation? How does it play with the focus groups?

Mr Ashdown said the Liberal Democrats would restore free eye and dental checks, financing this with the proceeds of putting 5p on the price of a packet of cigarettes. Closing loopholes in the National Insurance system would raise £350 million a year to recruit more staff and ensure that within three years, no patient would have to wait more than six months for treatment.

## **Teachers backing** Lib Dem policies

By David Charter, education correspondent

TEACHERS are losing their enthusiasm for Labour's education policies but remain likely to vote for the party, according to a poll disclosed yesterday. Support for Liberal Democrat policies, which include raising £2 billion extra for education through tax, has leapt from 12 per cent of teachers in 1992 to 28 per cent. the NOP survey showed.

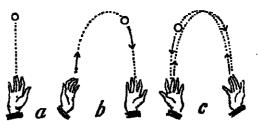
Labour's education policies in 1992 were preferred by 48 per cent of the teaching profession but are now favoured by 29 per cent. However, barely any teachers have decided to switch their vote to the Lib Dems. The poll, for the National Association of School-

masters and Union of Women Teachers, showed 52 per cent of teachers plan to vote Labour, 27 per cent Liberal Democrat and 17 per cent Conservative, almost identical to this stage before the last election.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the union, said: The move in favour of Liberal Democrat education policies could well be the result of Labour's constant and sometimes confusing shifts of policy

in recent times." Other recent polls have shown that general voters place Labour 23 and 26 percentage points ahead on education, compared with 12 points ahead in 1992.

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#### CONSERVATIVES



The Tories have no plans for significant legislative changes. They pledge to ensure that while genuine asylum seekers are treated sympathetically, people do not abuse their provisions to avoid nor-

mal immigration regulation. They will veto any attempts to relax border controls and have made employers responsible for ensuring that their workers are legally entitled to residence. Recent controls on war widows have been relaxed at the margins but attempts by some Tories to broaden the number of Hong Kong residents able to settle in Britain have been resisted. The Tories are proud of introducing legislation to prevent racial harassment and impose aggravated punishments for racially motivated attacks. but they have resisted pressure to subscribe to anti-racism initiatives from the European Union.

#### LABOUR



Labour is pledged to make immigration "fairer". It would abolish the primary purpose rule and thus make it easier for spouses to acquire citizenship without having to prove that their marriage is sincere. Labour is also likely

to reform the Asylum and Immigration Act. Although the Shadow Home Affairs Minister, Alun Michael, admitted in 1995 that "there is a need to deal with those who are not entitled to asylum" Labour feels that the Act went too far. In particular, it argues that the "white list" of countries, from which no claims might be entertained, is racist. Labour would prefer to streamline the whole system, by tackling inefficiencies in the Home Office's Immigration and Nationality Division. Labour would also restore benefits to those asylum seekers who fail to notify the authorities of their claim on entry.

#### LIBERAL DEMOCRATS



The Liberal Democrats are the least equivocal of Britain's parties in welcoming immigration. It was Paddy Ashdown who led the campaign to extend the number of full British passports avail-

able to Hong Kong residents and the Lib Dems who took the most vigorous stance in opposition to the Asylum and Immigration Act. They would repeal it, and believe that asylum policy should be based on United Nations principles. They argue that justice, not numbers, is the issue. More broadly, they believe that immigration policy needs to be overhauled and given coherence with an assessment of labour market requirements and sensitivity to individual rights as well as family needs. The Lib Dems also want Britain to opt in to the Schengen agreement and make it EU law. turning Europe into a

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17: Immigration and race

## United in extreme caution

Race can be an incendiary issue in British politics. Enoch Powell's declaration in 1968 that he foresaw "the River Tiber foaming with much blood", were immigration not reduced. earned the Wolverhampton MP the sack from Edward Heath's Shadow Cabinet but the Tories gained at the polls. No mainstream politician

since has been as explicit in appropriating racial feeling but some have nodded at popular fears. In 1978, Margaret Thatcher alluded to concerns about British culture being "swamped" and, as Home Secretary, in 1992, Kenneth Baker gave warning against a relaxation of immigration controls. The then director of Conservative Central Office's research department. Andrew Lansley, now a Tory candidate, has argued: "immigration, an issue which we raised successfully at the 1992 general election and again during the European elections played particularly well in the tabloids and has more potential to hurt.'

John Major, however, has prided himself on his "inclusiveness". As a Lambeth councillor he criticised Mr Powell. and as Prime Minister he has said that the characteristic he most dislikes is prejudice. He has won praise, even from political opponents, for his anti-racist credentials. But others in his party adopt a different emphasis.

In this campaign, Conserva-tive candidates in the West Midlands are seeking to make immigration an issue by drawing attention to Labour plans reform. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, has also argued for the maintenance of strict immigration controls.

The direct electoral effect of their stance is hard to calculate. It may be that voters are reluctant to share their fears with strangers but the polling evidence suggests that racial feeling is becoming less intense in Britain. The Tories maintain that the

slow evaporation of prejudice is a consequence of tight controls, and that only the



No mainstream politician has echoed Enoch Powell's "rivers of blood" speech

assurance that there will be no pronounced increase in the number of new citizens from abroad can ensure the development of greater tolerance.

Both the main Opposition parties accept that immigration has to be controlled if racial tension is not to be inflamed but both feel the Tories have gone too far. In particular. Labour and the Liberal Democrats had qualms about asylum legislation which they fear has tarnished Britain's reputation as a lifeboat for the persecuted.

The Conservatives have a steady record of ever-firmer regulation. In 1980 they tightened immigration rules by introducing the primary purpose rule, which allows the authorities to deny a spouse entry to this country if the main justification for marriage is thought to be the wish to settle here, In 1981 the British Nationality Act put citizenship on a new basis, with a definition covering only those with

close family ties to the UK. The numbers entering Brit-ain throughout the Eighties remained relatively steady, gently declining from a total of 55,360 in 1985 to 49,650 in 1989. Immigration began to rise again in 1990 and the largest recorded area of increase was in the number of refugees. In 1995 the number of legally accepted immigrants was back up to 55,480.

The laws designed to deal with one of the reasons for that increase, the 1993 and 1996 Asylum Acts. have proved controversial. Britain has a proud tradition of offering a haven for those fleeing dictatorial regimes. There was mounting evidence in the early 1990s, however. that a growing number of immigrants who would not otherwise have qualified for entry in Britain were fraudulently claiming asylum.

The number of asylum applicants in the early nineties was swollen, initially, by the unstable, in some places violent, aftermath of the fall of communism, and the introduction of more restricive leg-islation on the Continent. At the beginning of 1994, Britain received 2,500 asylum applications a month; by November 1995, the figure was 4,700. Since the introduction of the 1996 Act the numbers attempting to enter have fallen. In January 1997 there were 2,275 applications for asylum, a 32 per cent fall from January

1996. A variety of factors, including the end of the war in Bosnia and more stability in parts of Africa, may have influenced the figures but the scale of the drop suggests the legislation has had an effect in deterring bogus applications. The Liberal Democrats are formally pledged to repealing the 1996 Act and Labour has

hinted broadly that it would do the same. Labour is also formally committed to abolishing the primary purpose rule. It would be incumbent on the Government to determine that a marriage was contracted for immigration purposes rather than placing the burden of

proof on the citizen. This change has been held to have significant symbolic in-fluence. Timothy Kirkhope, a

Labour of bidding for the ethnic minority vote. Whatever the intention, the signal has been warmly received, particularly among Asians. According to February's MORI poll some 70 per cent of British Asian voters were planning to back Labour, compared with

55 per cent of the public as a

whole. The repeal of asylum legisla-tion would almost certainly see the numbers of new citizens rise again, possibly by several thousand a year. The precise consequences of abolition of the primary purpose rule are impossible to chart. A drop in the number of illegal immigrants would inevitably be outweighed by the growth in

legal immigration.
Immigration aside, there is a broad consensus among the parties on race relations. All support the work of the Commission for Racial Equality and there was cross-party backing for the Government's introduction of new legislation on racial harassment.

The parties' efforts have not been yet succeeded in building the country at ease with itself they all aspire to. Many within ethnic minorities feel excluded from British society. Only 40 per cent of blacks are certain to vote, compared with 60 per cet of the total population. Pereceptions of prejudice play a part. Young black males are twice as likely to be unemployed as their white contemporaries and although there are a growing number of Asian millionaires and black role models penetration of the professions is still poor. Only 1.5 per cent of magistrates. 2 per cent of prison officers and per cent of solicitors are Black or Asian, yet 5.5 per cent of the population are from

those communities. Whatever prejudice may still exist, there is, however, no significant racist organisation comparable to France's National Front or Austria's Freedom Party. Prejudices remain and individuals strike attitudes but no party now wants to drink at Powell's poisoned

## WHAT THEY SAID

country. We are immensely proud of them. Firm, but fair, immigration policies are an

Michael Höward, Nov 1998 It cannot be too strongly emphasised that where there is a racial element in an offence of violence, that is a gravely aggravating

Lord Taylor of Gosforth as Lord Chief Justice, Nov 1994

in office we shall remove the deep In office we shall remove the deep injustices contained within the system of immigration control, establish effective rights of appeal, end intolerable delays which split families and cause them untold anguish and despair, and end the arbitrary primary purpose rule.

I find it impossible to believe that Par-liament intended that an asylum seeker, who was lawfully here and who could not lawfully be removed from this country, should be left destitute, starving and at risk of grave illness, even death. Mr Justice Collins, Oct 1996

Although the number of asylum seekers coming to the UK has decreased, the number in detention has increased. We think detention is being used to deterpeople from coming to the UK to seek asylum.

Nick Hardwick, Chief Executive of theRefugee Council, Jan 1997

#### THE FACTS

DA MORI poll in February found that 31 per cent of Britons thought immigration controls too strict. 18 per cent not strict enough and 43 per cent about right.

☐ In 1994 about 10,000 people were apprehended working illegally in the UK. There are 2,319 police officers from ethnic minorities in England and Wales, 1.68 per cent of the total.

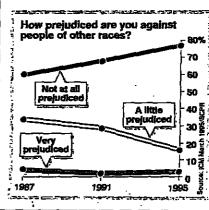
☐ Monthly asylum applications have fallen from 4,594 in October 1995 to 1,985 in February this year.

🗆 In the first two months of this year the greatest numbers of refugees admitted came from the former Yugoslavia (375), Iran (60), Iraq (25), the Sudan (15), Turkey (15) and Algeria (10).

During the first six months of 1996, 6 per cent of applicants were granted

refugee status. ☐ According to census figures, 3.5 million British citizens are from non-white ethnic minorities, 5.5 per cent of the total.

☐ In 1995 12,680 husbands and 19,940 wives of British citizens were allowed to settle legally in Britain.



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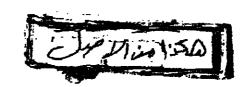
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## Loan from Dole pays \$300,000 Gingrich fine

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

BOB DOLE stunned Washington yesterday by lending Newt Gingrich the money he needed to pay a congressional ethics fine of \$300,000 (E185.000).

Mr Dole, last year's Republican presidential candidate. said that he would bail the House Speaker out of his financial jam because "I consider this not only an opportu-nity to support a friend, but a long-term investment in the future of our party". The loan enraged some Democrats.

Under the agreement between Mr Dole and Mr Gingrich, the interest rate will be 10 per cent a year, simple interest, and no payments are due for eight years, by which time Mr Gingrich will be out of Congress under a self-im-posed deadline and presumably earning a hefty salary in the private sector.

If Mr Gingrich pays nothing until the due date, 2005, the total repayment would be about \$640,000, his lawyer said. Mr Gingrich had explored other ways to pay. using campaign coffers or by forming a legal defence fund. Republicans warned him he would face a revolt and lose his grip on the Speakership if he did not pay out of his own pocket. The Speaker told the

House he realised he had a "moral obligation" to pay from personal funds. Any other step would simply be

seen as one more politician shirking his duty," he said. Applauding the decision, Mr Dole said Mr Gingrich had yet again shown himself to be a man of integrity. Mr Gingrich described Mr Dole as a "close personal friend of impeccable integrity".

They were not always so close. During a dispute over benefits, Mr Gingrich denounced Mr Dole as a "tax collector for the welfare state". Mr Dole has said privately that his White House cam-



Gingrich: wife not keen

paign was doomed by Mr Gingrich's insistence on shutting down the Government during a budget battle with President Clinton.

Mr Dole can afford his generosity. He earns more than \$600,000 from his new position in a Washington law firm. He made \$500,000 from a television commercial for Visa shown during the Super Bowl. He has several pensions and, with his wife Flizabeth. has assets of more than \$4 million. Mr Gingrich is less well off. His salary as Speaker is \$171,500. His home in Georgia, plus a money-market account containing up to \$250,000 and a bank account of between \$50,000 and \$100,000, are in his wife's name. She had been strongly against using family funds to

The penalty against Mr Gingrich, who insists it was not a fine, was assessed by the House Ethics Committee to cover the costs of its inquiry that concluded he broke House rules by using taxexempt foundations for political projects and gave incorrect information to the committee. Mr Gingrich blamed his lawyers for the inaccuracies and said that he

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Former Presidents George Bush, left, Gerald Ford, centre, and Jimmy Carter pose for an official portrait for the Gerald R. Ford Museum in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with former First Ladies, from the left, Lady Bird Johnson, Barbara Bush. Betty Ford and Rosalyn Carter

## Manhattan misery at strike threat by do-it-all doormen

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

MANHATTAN'S most prized employees, the peakcapped, apartment-block doormen, are threatening to go on strike this weekend, creating despair and self-

loathing throughout the city.

The 30,000 members of Local 32B-32J of Service Employees International, the trade union which represents New York City's doormen, anitors, elevator operator: and maintenance men, will walk out on Sunday night unless there is an unexpected change of heart from the cartel of skyscraper landlords.

They want more money. For New Yorkers, the absence of doormen - the unacknowledged kings of this bruisingly busy city - is the gloomiest of prospects. The doormen, who with their heavy Christmas tips normally clear a good \$40,000 a year, fulfil numerous duties.

In rain they summon taxi cabs, and in sunshine they carry parasols to shield elderly residents. They announce guests, apprehend illegal entrants, take shopping deliveries and, crucially, act as conduits of gossip. In older apartment blocks, they supervise the hand-operation of elegant, creaking lifts. In most places they double as babysitters, nursemaids, family friends, dog-walkers, dog pooper-scoopers, confidants, stock-market tipsters, translators, laundry boys and Broad-

way ticket agents. In short. they run the town.

The union, which controls 3,000 of the smartest residence blocks in the city, last went on strike in 1991. Flat owners had to put their own rubbish in the street, man the front desk on a rota, deal with deliveries and maintenance problems, and mount security operations. The grumbles doormen returned to work after two weeks many were smothered in kisses.

"Life is going to be intolerable next week," complained Tatiana Yasşukovich, an actress who lives in a fashionable doorman-run apartment block in the downtown area. "We'll have to put our own trash outside - but I'm an actress, for goodness sake," she said yesterday. "I can't afford to have people seeing me like that! I'm also worried about the flowers that people send to me. They will arrive in the lobby downstairs and will simply fester. God!"

The doormen's union is controlled by Gus Bevona, a high-profile leader who has run tightly disciplined union meetings, complete with bouncers to evict dissenters, at venues such as the Hilton and Sheraton hotels. Mr Bevona said an impasse had been reached with the Realty Advisory Board, which represents the landlords, and made clear his readiness for action.



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## 'This Government will stay where the people and history have put us'

## Netanyahu defies call to quit after police indictment

ISRAEL'S beleaguered Prime yahu, last night launched a spirited fightback against at-tempts to force him out of office after police recommendations that he be charged with fraud and breach of public trust.

As senior law officers met at a secret location to make a decision, due next week, about whether to press charges against Mr Netanyahu and three political allies. Israel's youngest Prime Minister said he was determined to resist attempts to remove him.

In political drama as fraught as any seen in Israel's 49-year history. Mr Netan-yahu was addressing cheering right-wing supporters hours after an emergency meeting of the main opposition Labour Party called for his "immediate resignation", claiming that he no longer had any "moral basis" for remaining in power.

Moshe Shahal, former Labour Internal Security Minister, said at the heated meeting in Tel Aviv: "There are many similarities between this affair and that of President Richard Nixon. The Prime Minister cannot avoid the implications of the police recommendations. He must resign from

Chaim Herzog, the Belfastborn President of Israel for a decade until 1993, died yesterday, aged 78, after a long illness. He fought for the Jewish state on the battlefield, chroni-cled its history and champi-oned its cause at the United Nations. A state funeral is to be held. (Reuter)

on what Israeli papers described as the "political bombshell" delivered in the 995-page police report, Mr Netanyahu told members of his ruling Likud Party: "This Government is not going any-where. We are staying where the people and history have

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As his supporters used his



King of Israel" and giving him a standing ovation. Mr Netanyahu told them: "I have come to tell you today that we will continue to lead the state of Israel. We will continue on this path until the year 2000 and, I tell you, beyond the year 2000." He added: "I am convinced that the truth will triumph."

The scandal, which has completely overshadowed new attempts by Dennis Ross, the American special envoy, to revive the collapsing Middle East peace process, arose over the short-lived appointment of Roni Bar-On, a little-known, Likud-supporting lawyer, as Attorney-General. Ayala Hasson, Israel Tele-

vision's crime reporter, alleged in January that the appointment, which lasted only 12 hours, was part of a political conspiracy in which Ariyeh Deri, the Orthodox religious leader, offered Cabinet support for Israel's troop pullout from 80 per cent of Hebron. She reported that his price was a corrupt pledge that Mr Bar-On would whittle down charges in a separate corruption case Mr Deri was facing which threatens his political career:

Earlier Danny Naveh, the Cabinet Secretary, said that he did not believe that the state

Mr Netanyahu controls his anger as he addresses Likud Party members in Tel Aviv last night. "We will continue to lead Israel until and beyond the year 2000." he said

that Mr Netanyahu be charged. He admitted that, if could result in Mr Netanyahu's "dismissal", but claimed that the police recommendation was not well

enough founded. Mr Naveh said in his hardhitting appeal to the public "And I want to ask, do you present an indictment against the Prime Minister of Israel, the Prime Minister, pervert the wishes of the voters of only a year ago, change the course of history of the state of Israel on a basis like this? My answer to this question is negative.

Analysts said that the unexpected news of the police recommendations had dealt a crippling, but not necessarily fatal, blow to Mr Netanyahu's premiership. Yehoshua Matza, a Cabinet minister charges, "perhaps it will be to go back to elections."

Under Israel's new electoral law, there is no explicit requirement that the Prime Minister step down if he is indicted or even convicted. But political observers believe that, if that happens, vital smaller parties backing his coalition would withdraw their support.

that if he did not agree to leave peacefully he would be forced quested action. (Reuter)

> in describing Mr Kabila as a "President". Mr Mandela risked irritating Mr Mobutu and his followers but explicitly recognised that the leaders of the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire was a major force

in the country.

Mr Mobutu's son and

cussed," he said. talks as a pretext for leaving Zaire and going into honourable exile. "The consequence would be turmoil. We cannot leave a vacuum at the top of

Zaire leader to peace talks

FROM SAM KILEY IN KINSHASA

South Africa yesterday invited Zaire's President Mobutu Sese Seko to talks with Laurent Kabila, the rebel leader, raising hopes that a final battle for Kinshasa could be avoided

after face-to-face negotiations. The invitation fuelled speculation that Mr Mobutu, 66. who has been under domestic and international pressure to step down, might not return to Zaire if he left the country to meet with Mr Kabila, the guerrilla leader who has taken more than half of Zaire in a

six-month campaign.
"I have been speaking both
to President Kabila and to President Mobutu, and as a result of the exchanges I have had with them, and other leaders in Africa, I am confident that a peaceful solution will be achieved," Mr Mandela said in Cape Town.

The breakthrough came after a series of discussions with Mr Kabila in the Cape on Wednesday at which, diplomatic sources said, he was persuaded to agree to meet Mr Mobutu unconditionally.

The bush fighter whose rebellion began in November had insisted that the only issue to discuss with Mr Mobutu would be his departure, and out. Yesterday it appeared that Mr Kabila had agreed to soften his approach.

spokesman, Nzanga, said yesterday that he expected his father to accept the South African leader's invitation. "There's no problem. The President has already agreed to meet Kabila. Now the timing and where the meeting should be remain to be dis-

But he rejected suggestions Mr Mobutu could use the

PRESIDENT Mandela of the country. It would lead to huge problems," Mr Mobu-

tu's son said. Other members of the President's entourage did not agree and said yesterday that, as Mr Mobutu was suffering from prostate cancer and needed expert medical treatment, he should take the chance to leave Zaire with his head held high and allow a peaceful

This has been the focus of Western diplomatic efforts over the last few weeks. A State Department spokesman in Washington recently went public with the US desire in see Mr Mobutu step down.

Mohammed Sahnoun, the United Nations special envoy to Central Africa who helped to broker the agreement to ser up a summit of Zaire's two big men, hinted yesterday that a formula was being found

Berne: The Swiss Government rejected pleas from politicians and Zairean rebels to freeze billions of dollars which may have been deposited in the country by President Mobutu. The Federal Council said Mr Mobutu was still head of state and the legitimate Government had not re-

which could lever Mr Mobutu out of office.
"The outcome we have to-

day is the agreement in principle by the two parties to meet at the highest level ... to discuss transitional arrangements," said the envoy.

Possible venues for a meeting between Mr Mobutu and Mr Kabila include neighbouring Congo and Togo as well as South Africa. Mr Kabila is unlikely to agree to visit the two former French colonies because of his deep distrust of Paris, which has backed Mr Mobutu throughout his 32-

year rule. As the rebels close in on Kinshasa, its citizens yesterday breathed a collective sigh of relief at the first sign that it may not have to face anarchy, looting and bloodshed which. it feared, would be unleashed by Mr Mobutu in the last act of his dramatic life.

## Scandal casts shadow across path of confident leader

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

ON THE EVE of its fiftieth anniversary, Israel was yesterday plunged into an unprecedented political and constitutional crisis that, whatever its outcome, could seriously destabilise Binyamin Netanyahu, the first directly elected Prime Minister.

While his shell-shocked aides struggled to overcome the worst political corruption scandal to beset an Israeli leader, there was a growing realisation that his ten-month-old administration is likely to emerge a shadow of its previous confident self. While opposition calls for Binyamin

#### ANALYSIS

Netanyahu to step down immediately are premature, the police recommendation that he be indicted on charges of fraud and breach of trust is likely to deal a fatal blow to Netanyahu's chances of serving out his four-year term as Prime Minister," claimed the right-wing Jerusalem Post, until last year a paper edited by one of his senior policy advisers, David Bar-Illan.

Mr Netanyahu's spin doctors,

form of defence. Publicly, calls for resignation, new elections or even a three-month period of "leave" were dismissed out of hand. But few Israelis were convinced that his rightwing coalition with a majority of 66 in the 120-seat Knesset could escape

Hemi Shalev, the Maariv columnist, wrote: "From a political aspect, time will stand still until it is clear whether there is still a Government in Israel or if the police recommendation, with or without prosecution, is discovered to be a shot which has having held a late-night council of turned Netanyahu and his ministers war, decided that attack was the best into lame ducks who do not recover

from their wounds." Aside from the knee-jerk reactions from a left-wing Opposition that is still smarting from its narrow defeat by 30,000 votes at last May's election, there were wiser counsels arguing that bringing forward elections from 2000 might be one way of healing political wounds that are so deep that no other immediate cure is available.

Although Mr Netanyahu is a political bruiser who is capable of holding his corner, his problem -whatever the final decision reached by Elyakim Rubinstein, the Attorney-General, and Edna Arbel, state attorney - is that no other Prime Minister in the state's 49-year history has had to face such damaging accusations from his own police force. "Because a professional investigating team reached this recommendation [that he be criminally charged], the Prime Minister will not be able to clear himself other than in a trial or a trial of the people," argued Yaakov Erez, a journalist.

"Even then we must remember that, as long as he was not proven guilty. Binyamin Netanyahu is inno-cent. In the final count, Israeli citizens will have to determine. And determinations in a democratic society are made with elections."

intervention, albeit with bet-

"I stand for an ethnic Alba-

nia," he said in the small

Tirana villa that doubles as

the royalists' campaign head-

quarters. "As long as Albania

is not united there will be big

problems in the Balkans. The

last thing I would like to see is

war. A Balkan war would be

His has been a strange

odyssey amid a peculiar royal family. His father, King Zog.

was a former rural chieftain who proclaimed himself mon-

arch in 1928, and maintained

his brief rule with heavy

financial support from the

the globe awaiting his mo-

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moved to the Ritz in London:

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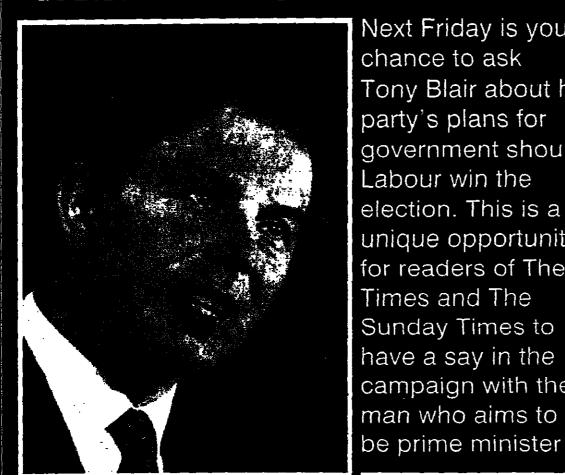
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## Rebel port inspected by Italian soldiers

FROM TOM WALKER

AN ADVANCE party of Italian combat troops inspected rebel-held Vlore yesterday, in preparation for a joint Italian-Greek operation to secure the southern Albanian port, still the hotbed of rebellion against President Berisha.

The unit, comprising many of the same soldiers that accompanied Romano Prodi, the Italian Prime Minister, to Vlore last Sunday, guarded two Italian colonels as they visited leaders of the town's self-styled rebel government. the Committee for Public Salvation. One of the colonels said it was still uncertain when the first large detachments of Operation Alba troops would arrive, but at least one Italian brigade and one Greek company would

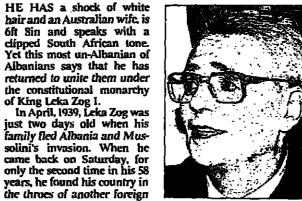
Egerem Osmani. the commander of the salvation committee's defence wing, said the Italians had been welcomed. He said the sinking of the refugee ship from Viore after it collided with an Italian naval vessel would not be used as an excuse for guerrilla activities

A guard outside the school building occupied by the com-mittee said, however, that he would "skin alive" any Italian weapon. They'd be better off

sending Japanese soldiers here, he said. The Italians have robbed us for centuries." He said that between them, Belgrade. Athens and Rome formed an anti-Albanian triangle bent on profiting from the country. Sazom Malaj, a teacher, said that with tension still high in Vlore, it was an opportune moment for Mr Berisha to orchestrate a battle between Italian troops and local gangs. "This is his fa-vourite method", he said. Lashnje: Up to 40 gunmen burst into a hospital operating burst into a hospital operating room in this southern Albanian town and started firing as they grieved over the death of a friend, who had been shot by accident. Nobody was hurt in the incident, which lasted about 30 minutes. (Reuter)

## Royal wanderer pledges to build a united Albania

By TOM WALKER



Leka Zog: doubts about international mission

where King Zog died in 1961. Leka remained in France before moving to Spain in the 1970s, then to South Africa. A monarchy of 11 years' standing that few now remember seems a flimsy base on which to claim a place in the heart of today's Albanians. But Leka Zog says his father was the founder of the

nation, and that he has come to complete his vision.
Unfortunately, a modern
European Albania under Lcka Zog would also take in large chunks of neighbouring Serbia and Macedonia, and the international community is likely to distance itself from his cause. A referendum that

has cross-party support should be held some time this summer to decide if Albanians want him back as king.

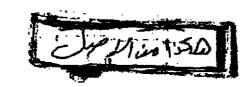
Ironically, his royalist movement which manifests itself through the small Legality Party, could be taken on board by the opposition Socialists in their attempt to oust President Berisha and his Democratic Party in June's general election. That would put Leka Zog in the unique position of being backed by former Communists who despised his father. Chain-smoking with dis-

dain, he expressed his opinions in a brusque, military manner. As long as they are here for humanitarian aid, then they are welcome," he said of the 6,000 international troops being mustered in Albania. "But it is up to us as Albanians to sort our affairs out. Their mandate had already grown to six months from three and that gives me cause for concern."

He wants the June elections monitored, but by a nonpolitical body such as the Red Cross. Even if his referendum is unsuccessful, he will return as an Albanian citizen. bring-ing his family — including his wife. Susan. their son. Leka. 14. and Queen Geraldine, elderly widow of King Zog. Leka Zog's immediate trave

Leka Zog's immediate trav-el plans include a trip to the family homeland of Shkodra in the north, and to rebel-held Viore in the south, Both should provide clues about whether the Zog dynasty has any chance of resuming.





## Yeltsin and Kohl fail to end impasse over Nato

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMANY and Russia failed yesterday to make the decisive breakthrough needed to gain Moscow's acceptance for the eastward enlargement of

Although President Yeltsin expressed certainty that the alliance and Russia would be able to sign a security charter next month easing Moscow's concerns, it was clear that major differences still remain only five weeks before the scheduled summit in Paris.

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and the Russian leader started the day-long summit in Baden-Baden in sunny mood, but by the evening it was plain that Mr Yeltsin was digging in his heels. Many of the President's comments at the final press conference seemed to be aimed at his home audience and served only to confuse the

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Chancellor. On Nato, the sticking points seemed to be about how large a role Russia is to be given in alliance decision-making. President Yeltsin said that he had won the Chancellor's support for "a binding commitment to consultation and decisions on a consensus basis with all states including Russia". Herr Kohl did not comment directly but officials emphasised that Mr Yeltsin's statement should not be taken to mean that Bonn supported Russian veto in alliance

What appears to have been agreed during lengthy talks Nato Secretary-General, and Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, is that a Nato-Russian consultative council will keep the Kremlin informed of alliance activities. The Germans may be ready to consider Russia's demand for a rotating chairmanship of that council, but that is as far

as concessions have gone. Herr Kohl said yesterday that the security charter with Russia was "90 per cent" complete but that intense talks were now needed on the outstanding differences. Mr Yeltsin, repeatedly describing Herr Kohl as his close friend, gave a different spin to the Baden-Baden talks. He referred to the security charter as a "treaty", although there is no agreement to make the document legally binding, and said it was certain to be signed

on May 27 in Paris. President Yeltsin also claimed that Herr Kohl's support on areas which were plainly not agreed and indicated that there would be no speedy deal on the other main source of controversy, the return of art treasures taken from Germany after the war. "I am sure that such a politician as Helmut Kohl will do his utmost to secure an objective position towards towards Russia," said Mr Yeltsin. However, the Chancellor, without openly disagreeing. emphasised that Germany would not be thrust into the role of "interpreter" of Russian

The edginess of the meeting



Helmut Kohl helps Boris Yeltsin as they leave the podium in Baden-Baden yesterday after listening to their national anthems. The two leaders discussed the expansion of Nato and the return of looted artworks

was underlined by the gifts brought by Mr Yeltsin, 11 files from the Moscow archives containing the letters of Walter Rathenau, the former German Foreign Minister. Since it was Rathenau who prepared the way for the Treaty of Rapallo between Russia and Germany in 1922, the present was double-edged. The treaty is still regarded with deep suspicion by Central Europeans who see it as the first move in a modern Russo-German

friendship aimed at carving up the Continent. Herr Kohl will be spending the next week candidates for Nato that a deal will not be struck with Mosoow over their heads. The German leader sees President Kwasniewski of Poland today. and President Havel of the Czech Republic will visit Germany next week.

The German chairman of the Nato military committee. General Klaus Naumann, em-

phasised in an interview in the German press yesterday that Nato had made as many concessions as it could during the long negotiations with the Kremlin, including a commitment that Nato would not station nuclear weapons in Central Europe.

General Naumann said Nato was concerned about the large numbers of tactical nuclear weapons, many of them situated near Russia's western frontiers. The failure to solve the deeply emotional issue of stolen art was probably the most galling outcome of yesterday's spa summit for the Germans. On the fringes of the summit, officials suggested that the two countries might be ready to set up a foundation that would supervise international shows of the art treasures. The two leaders notably failed to mention this possibility and the argument is still simmering between the

## Police call for ban on Le Pen's private militia

FROM SUSAN BELL IN PARIS

launched an inquiry into the existence of a highly trained extreme-right militia, thought to be 7,000-strong, which answers with unswerving loyal-ty to Jean-Marie Le Pen, the leader of the National Front.

There have been complaints that the militia's uniforms so closely resemble the CRS, the official French riot police, that they have been able to pass for them.

The Department of Protection-Security (DPS), the sec-urity arm of the far-right party, is said to be equipped with teargas, helmets, riot shields and truncheons and is believed to possess guns.

"The existence of a political militia laying down the law is unacceptable," said Jean-Louis Arajol, the head of the CUP-SGP police union. "In a republic there is only one police force."

M Le Pen has responded angrily to the possibility that his crack troops might be disbanded. In such an eventuality, it will be up to each individual "to ensure his own legitimate self-defence", he said. "The responsibility, of course, will rest exclusively with the Minister of the Interior," he added.

Concern over the existence of the militia group came to a head after protesters were stopped and searched by members posing as policemen during demonstrations against the National Front at the party's national congress

in Strasbourg last month. On October 26 last year. militia members wielding truncheons charged a crowd of protesters during a National Front raily outside the town hall of Montceau-les-Didier Mathus, the Socialist

THE French Government has Deputy Mayor, angrily demanded how "a militia equipped with teargas could spread out within sight and sound of the authorities".

M Arajol, who wants M Jean-Louis Debré, the Interior Minister, to dissolve the group, believes that the militia is highly disciplined and has received advanced training. He points to videos of the battle with anti-Front demonstrators at Montceau-les-Mines. "By the way they act it is clear that they have had riot

control training," he said. Created in 1986, the group is organised with military precision by its commander, Bernard Courcelle, a former paratrooper. Nor is there any shortage of recruits for M Le Pen's elite private army. Many of its members are drawn from the former ranks of the OAS, a shadowy extreme-right paramilitary force which fought to keep Algeria French. The reality of the DPS is at odds with the image that the National Front likes

to present.

M Debré is expected to announce the fate of the DPS within two weeks.



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erupted in Germany as the result of a Bavarian decision allowed images of child pornography, violent sex and sex to prosecute the head of the with animals from news German division of Compu-Serve on pornography charges. The company yesterday contested the charges against Felix Somm, its managing director, and said it was doing all it could to prevent access to offensive material on

The Bavarian indictment represents an important test case in the knotty question of policing the Internet, it marks the first attempts by Western authorities to prosecute a commercial online service for material it did not produce. The

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A CYBERSPACE war has said Herr Somm "knowingly groups. from the so-called Internet to be r

to customers of CompuServe Germany". The prosecutors said CompuServe subscribers computer games that contained forbidden images of Hitler and Nazi symbols such as the swastika. The Bavarian prosecutors first raided the Munich offices

of CompuServe in December 1995. CompuServe blocked access to more than 200 sex-"news groups", to fend off accusations that it was distributing

pornography. In order to do so, however, it had to block global access to these sites, in effect imposing Bavarian standards on all its four million

There is no technical way to shape Internet content, most of it held in Ohio computers, for the German market. That unleashed a worldwide debate about censorship of cyberspace. At the heart of the dispute is the question of how. rather than whether, to regulate the medium.

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# Seduced by the American dream

## **NEW YORK**

Iain R. Webb
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fabrics on the
other side of the
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have always loved American fashion and having just returned from New York Fashion Week, I am even more enamoured. For autumn/winter 1997, the American designers offered more of what they do best: pure luxury — understated looks in unashamedly expensive fabrics that somehow manage to be hedonistic and puritanical at the same time.

More importantly, perhaps, the American crew presents clothes that you have always wanted but thought you would never find. It was during one of the New York shows that the woman next to me (who had sat through hundreds of collections in London, Milan and Paris) said: "After all, these are the clothes I'm going to wear." I mean, Donna Karan even called her collection Seduction.

Marc Jacobs showed tweeds which sparkled, cut into wideleg trousers and mannish coats. These were mixed with muslin camisoles or sexy wrap skirts, split high. A strapless dress comes in donkey-brown cashmere; a T-shirt is cut in fine tulle. Jacobs added trademark playful touches — an orange sleeveless hooded top with flannel trousers — and reinforced his roots in American sportswear. Just great.

Michael Kors took luxury to extremes: leather jackets were oversized, while skirts were chopped crotch high. Stiletto heels teetered down the same catwalk as sturdy Oxford lace up shoes. Jumbo-leg leather trousers were shown with high-neck, all-enveloping rib sweaters or skinny stretch vests, while a T-shirt in silk jersey became a mini-dress.

There was little more luxurious than the new countre collection by Richard Tyler. Under twinkling chandeliers in his Gramercy Park brownstone home, the designer showed salt-and-pepper tweed suits alongside beaded lace and chiffon, tuxedo wrap jackets and drapey sparkling dresses. However, it was his ready-to-wear collection that





Left, MARC JACOBS: Sporty short cuts. Right, CALVIN KLEIN: a soft option in mandarin jersey

really caught the mood — lush daytime looks. A trouser suit was cut in purple leather; a strappy drape-neck dress in dove-grey suede. Slashed midi-skirts were shown with T-shirts. Tyler added frills

(edging tunic chiffon dresses and tops) and flash (metallic leather and beaded tops) to give this essentially commercial collection an edge. Clever

Over the years Ralph Lauren. Calvin Klein and Doma Karan have skilfully made this territory their own. Each designer has worked the masculine/feminine minimal mix into multimillion-dollar businesses, and this season

each emerged triumphant.

Lauren loves to put women in trousers — soft and widelegged in flannel or perfectly tapered in leather — and to these he added sharply finted jackets or comfortable cashmere knit coats. Sleek knit dresses, sloppy sweaters, tuxedos and a twinkle of beads will undoubtedly knock the rashmere socks off fans.

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While Calvin Klein's precise, lean tailoring is fundamental to his success, it was

his softer options that provided the fireworks: blaze-red and orange jersey dresses, "origami"-fold wrap skirts and trousers, stretch knits and mattand-shine evening separates. Klein's clothes don't need to scream: "I'm fabulous." They

onna Karan also favours such private pleasures — roomy cashmere coats over beaded tulle tops, the softest leather cut into shell-tops and slouchy jackets, and ultra-fine cashmere sweaters falling off the shoulder. Slashed necklines looked sexier than ever with men's trousers, while her off-centre tailoring in shades of black looked effortless.

This season Isaac Mizrahi wowed with a charming collection called Rogue Chic, which worked his-and-her looks with traditional-yet-

modern cuts: a mannish double-breasted trouser suit was a foil for slash knit dresses, while a slick red trouser suit was shown alongside frayed crêpe and faded flannel. Best of all were antique-look Rug Coats (sometimes with a "reincarnated" — used before — fur collar), which were worn over figure-hugging tarnished velvet dresses. This was an

extremely confident collection.

The bottom line is that American fashion knows itself. It knows its value (millions of dollars). So maybe the shows aren't as glitzy as in Europe but, when all is said and done, it is the clothes that matter. And what great clothes. To borrow a sentiment from Donna Karan's programme notes: the New York collections were not about need; they were about desire.

laın R Webb is Fashion Director of Elle magazine







From left, ISAAC MIZRAHI: mannish; RICHARD TYLER: lush; RALPH LAUREN: cool



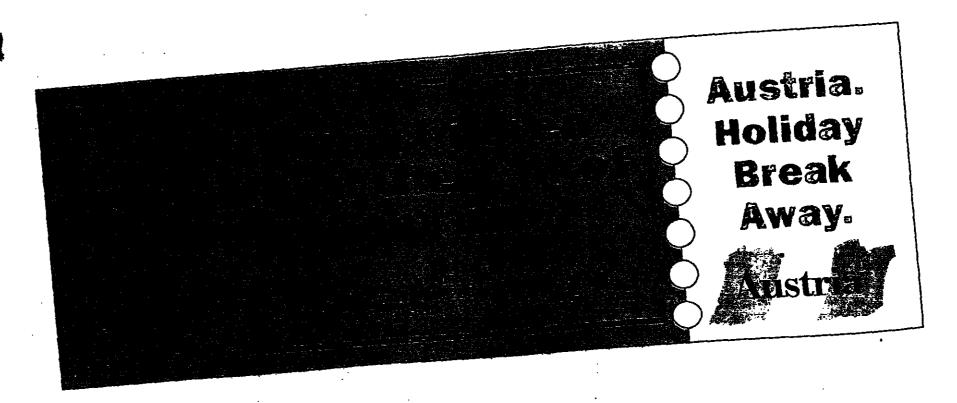
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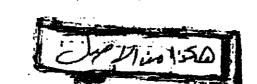
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# 'Adamn bad business'

Jeremy Lee-Potter explains why he was driven to resign as chairman of the British Medical Association

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f you went to hospital with a blood disorder and warre told "Your consultant is N/1r Lee-Potter", you would feel better at once. He is a doctor of the old school: tall, well-mannered, genial, reassur-ing. But Jeremy Lee-Potter is no longer consultant haematologist at Poole Hospital. He took early retirement from the profession in which three generations of Lee-Potters' have laboured.

His three clever children have followed their mother, Lynda i the Daily Mail columnist, into i the media: Emma is writing a novel, Charlie presents Radio 4's PM programme, and Adam is a reporter lon The Sun. "I suppose they looked at me," Lee-Potter laughs, and looked at Lynda, and thought, we'd rather go that way."

The Lee-Potters live in some splendour in Dorset. Forty years ago they met as students, when he was at

Guy's and she was at the Guildhall School of Drama. "She was in Dry Rot with Brian Rix at the Whitehall Theatre. But 1 blighted her acting career, as an itinerant doctor."

he says.
They started in basement rooms when Jeremy was a £350-a-year house-man: "In those days knew you would live in penury for a while, but everything would come all right in the

end." Their charming Edwardian house is like a Palladian manor, with French doors giving on to a York stone terrace and six acres of garden with woodland, swimming pool and tennis court. It was built by a friend of Gertrude Jekyll, whose style is imprinted on the vista of lawns and yew hedges. Both daughters had

their wedding receptions there.

By a crackling fire in the drawingroom - Lynda is in London, lunching (I discover later) with Esther Rantzen - we sit side by side. "I never sat opposite my patients." he tells me. Like all doctors, he is a repository of riveting facts of life and death. He gave me an enthralling discourse on blood coagulation.

Lee-Potter was chairman of the British Medical Association council from 1990, when the NHS Act RAF medical services. As a boy, became law, until driven to resign in Jeremy spent hours peering through 1993 by colleagues who called him a microscope at the organisms swim-Mr Softie, Sir Humphry Davy ming around in rainwater, he was Rolleston's "Medicine is a noble profession but a damn bad business provides Lee-Potter with the title -A Damn Bad Business - of his new book: a sorry saga of endless confrontations over the NHS reforms allegedly dreamt up by Kenneth Clarke on ...

a Spanish beach. Lee-Potter was different from his combative, tub-thumping predecessor John Marks, whose aggressive poster campaign ("What do you call a man who won't listen to his doctor?" Ken Clarke") had, Lee-Potter felt, got them nowhere. He would be a understood that the priva conciliator: "You can't call these cannot be comprehensive."

people rogues and then expect them to sit and talk to you."

He sat down with the "airily confident" Clarke (behind the cigar smoke and the bluff, classless bonhomie he detected "an intellectual snob") followed by the more cerebral. sober William Waldegrave, who declined the BMA's best claret as he was on his annual Lenten wagon. Lee-Potter took to the Whiggish, wellinformed Waldegrave at once when he fired the question: "Who was the last Briton to win a Nobel prize for medicine?"(Sir James Black).

He found Waldegrave instinctively compatible, and a good listener. But despite their cordial relationship, Lee-Potter soon found Waldegrave and Virginia Bottomley as intransigent as their predecessors, with "a wanton disregard of the views and knowledge of the clinicians".

Everyone assumed Lee-Potter was a classic Tory: he looked the part, his

wife wrote for a right-wing paper. He thinks he was vetted to check out if he was "one of us". Newspapers said he had never voted for any other party. "In lact, all I said was that I had never Labour. which is a very offferent matter. I have never joined any party. If anything I'm a sort of liberal." Having him in the BMA hot seat

was "rather constraining" for his wife. "I'd say 'For heaven's sake don't write about Mrs Bottomley, it's difficult enough for me as it is.

He resigned in disillusion when he was; voted out. The sensible guys were on my side, but the rabblerousers made my life murder. I just found it inimical."

If he had his time again, would he play it differently? "No. 1 still think I was right. But the reforms were a fair accompli. The Government ignored our advice and trampled on our professionalism."

Lee-Potter's family tree bristled with doctors: one great-uncle a naval surgeon; another physician to the Tsar. His grandfather, killed on his motorcycle at 38, was a popular GP in Yorkshire, who would treat the poor for free. His father became chief of ming around in rainwater; he was destined to devote his life to the NHS.

Today he experiences the service only when Lynda's nonagenarian aunt, who lives in the little cottage next door, is visited by the family GP. Lee-Potter himself has never needed to see his doctor and doesn't know if it is a fund-holding practice: or not: most people don't, until they need an operation. But he would never take out private medical insurance. "Bupa is really only for elective surgery, no good for any chronic condition. I don't think Margaret Thatcher ever understood that the private sector



on-the-wall series Surgery, "shot in a ed a hit-or-miss market system." Manchester practice full of drug addicts and forlorn, sad people, who depend on bloody good doctors working their socks off. These chaps should be getting £80,000-£100,000. Who would go into medicine if everybody you were at school with

gets more than you?" With even his own alma mater. Guy's, under threat, Lee-Potter says the NHS is no longer a national service: your treatment depends on where you live. "What's happened in 18 years of Conservative rule is that because people in public service are not producers, they are taken for granted. The old system was hierarchical, controlled and planned cumbersome, but still the best way to

He commended the television fly- achieve results. They have substitut-

"Funding," as Lee-Potter writes in medical jargon, is "the prime aetiology of the NHS's difficulties." But the NHS will always be confounded by keeping body and soul together when patient expectations are now so high. It costs £250,000 a year to maintain one baby in an intensive-care unit. Lee-Potter says simply: "Without this care they would die. The extremities of life do cost a lot.

"It's a popular view, the bottomless pit argument," he says." But we spend half what the Germans, the Swiss, the French, spend. John Major said to me 'Sometimes GNP goes down'. But we've never spent a high enough proportion of GNP on health. Trident costs £12 billion a year. With five or

six billion, the health service would be transformed.

He believes the doctors' ethos would be less threatened under Labour: their document A Fresh Start for Health was "very much in tune with what the BMA would have produced".

You can't have a market-led NHS with every transaction costed, you can't make doctors ration treatments, telling patients there's no money left. Take cataracts. When you're 80, you live through your eyes and ears, all you want is to be able to read and watch television. A cataract operation can transform your remaining years and it can be done in a day -- why should you wait a year? People justifiably find this unacceptable." A Damn Bad Business will be published by Gollancz next Thursday, £16,99

## Girls will be boys when it comes to PCs

Computer games are taking us over, says Bridget Harrison

t is said that female flatmates argue about two things - the phone bill and boyfriends. in my house this is not so. We are five girls and the only arguing we ever do is over computer games. They row about who gets to play next. I row with them about turning it off.

We used to spend delightful evenings together watching EastEnders and sipping wine around the kitchen table, discussing each other's career and love prospects.With the arrival of a new PC in the house, and a Sony PlayStation, those days have gone. Our house is now filled with the sound of blasting gunfire. screaming missiles and explosions. Every evening 1

find a huddle of girls shricking around the computer, franticalflicking cigarette ash into half-drunk cups of tea. They are captivated by the activities of a creature called Earthworm who

charges around a gaudy world blasting at enemies. At weekends the PlayStation comes out. The girls' favourite game is Tomb Raider, in which the heroine is busty action girl Lara Croft.

Often a flatmate will disappear on a Friday night, muttering: "I'm off to raid some tombs," and not appear again until Sunday. Why are these intelligent, active young women obsessed with sitting in front of a TV screen blasting computerised mon-

Darren Carter, senior product manager at Sony, whose PlayStation has sold 875,000 consoles since its UK launch in September 1995, says: "Originally, mainly boys played com-puter games, which were aken from the arcades. Now everyone's imagination has been captured, especially by new fantasy games that require strategy

as well as fire power." They may have a point. After being addicted to one of the market's first TV games - bat and ball when I was nine, I have moaned endlessly at the sight of my boyfriend and his mates riveted to computerised soccer and golf. Until they discovered the game Resident Evil. In it. another tough girl, Jill, enters a frightening man-sion to uncover an evil secret scientific experiment. Jill must search from room to room for weapons and clues which help her to reach other parts of the

The game is unusually sociable. It enables a whole room full of people to get involved, shouting: "Get the bazooka from the library, run into the hall. shoot the zombies, then go key! - No, use the key first, check out what's in the garden then come back for the zombies with the magnum ... " I played the game for nine hours

non-stop. 'Every flannates has evening another explanation for her passion: "Once they huddle you have mastered the conaround the trols of a game which is screen, deeply satisfying in itself shrieking' you become in-

> nearest you will get to being an all-powerful super hero."
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> My belief is that after years of being ignored by boyfriends and brothers who sat glued to the TV screen, thumbs frenetically punching controls, girls have finally decided that

vincible. It's the

they might as well join in. Nothing is more satisfying than going into a room full of men and thrashing them at the street-fighting game Tekken," says another flatmate. They find it very hard to take."

ast month. Nintendo launched → Nintendo 64, to rival Sony's PlayStation. The console is being marketer specifically at players like my flatmates, who are in their mid-twenties, for they have the spending power to fork out £249.99.

Sony, which has now dropped the price of its PlayStation to £129.99, also targets older players, which will provide role models for younger game enthusiasts. Says Darren Carter: "We have brought gaming out of schoolboys' bedrooms

into the living room."
I only wish they hadn't invaded mine.



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## Philip Howard



#### That bulldog: did nobody warn Mr Mandelson?

hose who adopt the buildog as a campaigning symbol should have a long lead, strong arms and tooth-proof trousers. Animal symbolism may be a useful identification mark for an illiterate electorate, but political animal crackers are usually a gift to the cartoonists, and end up biting the handler that feeds them. This has happened with elephants (ponderous conservative pachyderms) and donkeys (dumb and lascivious jackasses) in the States, and it has already happened in this election with the red-eyed lion, the headless chickens and now

the buildog.

The image of the British buildog has become two-fanged since Kenneth Baker's vain and mischievous Dangerous Dogs' Act. It was never entirely favourable. Ancient Britain was famous for the ferocity of its dogs. Those, however, were not buildogs but a bad-tempered cross between wolfhounds and lurchers. The bulldog was bred for bullbatting, our bloody native version of the Roman arena. It was a bold, fierce breed, with a large bull-head, short muzzle, strong muscular body and short, smooth hair. And once the bulldog sank its teeth into the tethered bull (with padded horns) it never let go. Its teeth locked like a bulldog clip. The earliest manual of the sport declares that the courage of bulldogs and game-cocks seems peculiar to England". This was one sport at which we were champions. Bulldogging in the rodeo was invented by a black cowboy named Bill Pickett. Just like a bulldog. Pickett would sink his teeth into the buil's nose while wrestling it to the ground.

However, it was the music hall that turned the bulldog into a symbol of British bloody-mindedness and refusal to give in. Arthur Reece's song Sons of the Sea, All British Born had the chorus "Boys of the bulldog breed". This had a tremendous vogue in Victorian and Edwardian England. And it coincided with a time of naval rivalry with Kaiser's Germany, France and the United States. The tune was catchy. The sentiments were xenophobic. So it acquired the same patriotic growl as the Jingo song and Nicholas Chauvin playing for France after Napoleon. But it was unfortunate that the first politician to adopt the bulldog as his symbol was Horatio Bottomley, the sleazemerchant of his day. Burnley founded and edited the populist rant-rag John Bull. And eventually not even his bulldog badge could save him from being locked up for seven

When humans compare each other to the lower animals, the comparison is seldom complimentary. Shakespeare is full of such animal imagery. Hardly a page turns in King Lear without a reference to disgusting animal characteristics. The dog, the horse, the cow, the sheep, the hog, the lion, the bear. the wolf, the fox, the monkey, the pole-cat, the civet-cat, the pelican, the owl, the crow, the chough, the wren, the fly, the butterfly, the rat, the mouse, the frog, the tadpole, the wall-newt and the worm have their soundbites and symbolism. Especially the dog. Goneril's face is like a wolf, and she and Regan are dog-hearted. Oswald is a mongrel, and son and heir to a mongrel.

imilarly in tragedy. Hecuba is a dog with blazing eyes, a feminine version of the red-eyed posters of Tony Blair. Medea is a tiger. Creusa is a viper. Clytemnestra is a lioness. Women were considered closer to animals than men. Philip Hope-Wallace, who started as a journalist as critic of song recitals for The Times, knew the dangers of animal symbolism. He went on to review opera and theatre for Time and Tide. Lady Rhondaa (Margaret Haig Thomas) was the founder and editor of that magazine. and an early feminist. Her subs tried to keep the genders equally balanced. Philip wrote a notice saying that the diva had sung with the passion of a tigress robbed of her whelps. This was changed to the politically correct version, comparing her to "a tiger robbed of

his whelks". Animals and even insects are disobliging metaphors for humans. "Dear Procrustes, My very good friend Jason seems to be itching all over these days. What can be the matter with him? Medea." "M'dear. don't worry. He's probably got golden fleas. Tell him to keep away from the argonits." Mr Mandelson is going to regret that two-jowled



"Depend upon it, Sir, when a man knows he is to be hanged in a fortnight, it concentrates his mind wonderfully." (Dr. Johnson)

# Big issues are personal

Natural Law Party at the last European elections. Of course we all said "Oh Mum, how could you?", but secretly I

was rather proud of her. She and my father live and vote in the Catalan Pyrenees, where she teaches English. Mum says she did not intend to vote for the Natural Law Party, but she read the pamphlets from the Spanish conservative parties and detected something in the tone she did not like. Then she read the leaflets from the various Catalanist parties of the Left and Centre. Although she loves Catalonia, she sensed something narrow and spiteful in the nationalism. "So I just found I voted for the Natural Law Party."

It would be as pointless to ask her what purpose this was intended to serve as to quiz her on her reasons for rejecting the various policies of the other parties, though my father's habit (and mine) would be to try. You can usually beat my mother in an argument, but she often turns out to be right in the end. She had acted on intuition. A difference between women and men is not that women act on intuition, but that though both do, boys are brought up not to admit it.

It is said that in essentials we change little with age, but there has been a big change in my outlook. As a youth I was very sure that when faced by a human dispute and obliged to decide which side to support, one should examine the subject of the dispute, ask which side one agreed with, and join that side. But more and more I think one should assess not the dispute but the disputants. Ask where the good men are. Join them. whatever their argument. Never join bad men, even those with a good argument. Any other rule has always led me into difficulty.

To a white adolescent in Southern Rhodesia in the 1960s, the big question was whether or not there should be black majority rule. With all the cocksureness of youth, I held the opinion that there should not — disagreeing in this with my mother and father. If you believed that Southern Rhodesia should defy Britain and hold out against "one man, one vote" you supported the Rhodesian Front, led at first by Winston Field, then Ian Smith. Otherwise (depending on how liberal you were) you supported Garfield Todd, or Sir Edgar Whitehead and Sir Roy Welensky.

My mother said that Ian Smith was a bad man. I said this was not an argument: she should address the issues. She said you could just tell. I said that was I agree with the Eurosceptics' arguments, but I shall stick with decent John Major

not an argument, either: would she please address the issues? She went to a meeting of pro-Smith whites to put the case for African education. When called to speak she stood up and, convinced by the justice of her case but too distressed to articulate it, burst into tears and sat down again. I realise that as a method of debate this approach has its limitations, but looking back on that era in Central Africa, and all the wasted, futile words and gestures which were to follow, my mother's contribution does not seem to have been entirely without point.

Anyway, she was right. Ian Smith was

a bad man. The argument into which he and the white population who supported him were finally led -the argument for gradualism - was a good argument, but it was made by bad men for bad, selfish reasons. If as a youth I could have seen that. I should

have dispensed with debate and immediately joined whichever side Mr Smith and his friends were not on - as I was later, after far too much rationalisation,

Which brings me to Europe, and Tory splits. I agree with almost all the opin-ions of the Eurosceptics and disagree with most of the views of the pro-Europeans, but have decided to support the pro-Europeans. This is because I sense that many of the Eurosceptics are not good men.

Never mind the argument. Watch the individuals. Watch, especially, the new generation of Europe-haters: the 80s and 90s Europhobes. Ask yourself why good men - men such as Sir Peter Tapsell or Sir Roger Moate, men who were Eurosceptical before there seemed to be career opportunity in Euroscepticism have never quite seemed to fit in with the new crowd. Watch the body language of the new lot. There is something weasely. something furtive, about many of them. Watch them when they address an audience, and observe whether they are trying to lead, or playing to the gallery. Watch their eyes dart. Follow their argument where it naturally leads (as any argument occasionally must) to an assertion which might be awkward or unpopular, and watch whe-

ther they take it head-on, or duck. Watch them wherever an opportunity presents itself to win a cheer with a cheap or hateful assertion, and note whether they avoid the temptation to take it. Consider how their case might be made in a constructive or negative way. and note which they choose. Note, above which of their audience's instincts they habitually reach for do they indulge the fear and suspicion of foreigners you can find in any audience, or do they really try to rise above it? Assess their fastidiousness with evi-dence. Assess their fastidiousness about support do they accept a cheer from

whatever quarter, or are they ready to disso-ciate themselves from people who support them for the wrong reasons? Look at the types they attract, and

consistency. They bark

of freedom. Inquire what unpopular as well as popular freedoms they have ever spoken up for. They protest at the imposition of an authority above and outside their own; ask what respect they have shown towards authorities beneath and smaller than their own. Scrutinise their language. I do not mean the outward meaning of their sentences, but the vocabulary and verbal formulations for which they unwittingly reach: these are what send the signals. The use of the conjunction "but", as in "I respect and admire our continental cousins, but ..." Such a formulation is designed to place notional significance on the first half of the conjunction, while throwing all its real weight forward onto the second. Watch their reliance on knee-jerk expressions: boo-words and boo-phrases, sharp in impact but unspecific in meaning, such as "Brussels", "red tape" and "bureacracy"; "jackboot", "German" (used with a gratuitous shudder),

"sovereignty" and "interference". Most of all, ask whether their lan-guage is subliminally designed to lift or to lower. It is a curious feature of populist rhetoric (noted by Freud's student, the psycho-political theorist Wilhelm Reich) that although its surface meaning is of leadership and command, its subliminal appeal is to the resentfulness of the small man, the subordinate. From the sansculottes to the Nazis, from Poujade to Mogens Glistrup, from Oswald Mosley to Anthony Marlow to John Redwood, populism snarls, but it also whimpers.

There is something craven, something whining in its tone. A key signal to look for — and you will find it among the Tory anti-Europeans, nationalist Conservatives and National Socialists - Is the refrain that it is not they who are the aggressors. They are only trying to defend themselves. It is others who have acted aggressively, others who started it. It is always the others who are cheating. Every act of aggression by a populist is presented as self-defence, even ("proper-ly understood") loyalty. Mr Redwood was only carrying out John Majors wishes, by standing against him and causing a leadership election. When Tory anti-Europeans had the party whip withdrawn, they presented themselves as victims, rather than the troublemak-

ast week I appeared on a panel for an ITN election special. Along with luminaries greater 🚅 than I, there was also a zany character in semi-ecclesiastical clothes called John McCririck, a racing tipster for Channel 4. We discussed devolution and nationalism. "Look," said Mr McCririck, "at all the parties which have 'national' or 'nationalist' in their name. The Afrikaaner National Party; Hitler's National Socialists: the Scottish and Welsh national parties." There was, he said, something horrid, something hateful, something mean and negative, about all of them. In all the thousands of words expended by us pundits during the course of that programme, only Mr

McCririck's linger in my mind. And so I shall cleave to John Major. if he wants to keep Britain's European options open, even though I expect he will have to close them in the end. I shall cleave to people like Geoffrey Howe, Douglas Hurd, Chris Patten, Ian Lang, Malcolm Rifkind, Nicholas Scott, though they often seem to me to be wrong. [ shall cleave to Kenneth Clarke, though I wish he would change his mind. I shall cleave to all these people. not because I am sure they are right, but because they are good, decent men. Wherever they're going. I'm going too. Please understand: I do not believe it

is men, not measures. But measures alter, men endure; and, in the end, measures follow men. Therefore observe

## A party of positive Europeans \*

Tessa Blackstone

says Labour will end our isolation

t was obvious from the start that the Tories would not be able to get through the election campaign with out their differences on Europe surfacing Last week's spectacle of Margaret Thatcher campaigning in the South of England-against the single currency must have irritated her successor, although John Major escaped having to comment. There was no escape once one of his own ministers broke ranks. Angela Browning, an agriculture minis. ter, announced that she is opposed to the single currency. The Prime Minister did not dismiss her. He feebly defended her. claiming she had said nothing inconsis-tent with Tory policy. He did so even though the Conservatives' own polls show that 72 per cent of the electorate

support his "wait and see" position. This week, two ministers expressed their opposition to a European currency within a few days of the Prime Minis ter's claim that it was a fantasy to suggest that ministers' election addresses would be at variance with government policy. Instead of sacking them, Major has caved in again. Apparently it is now possible to have a publicly stated personal view about policy which is different from the agreed government line, and yet stay in the Government.

In a manner unprecedented in the middle of a general election, the Prime Minister had on Wednesday to plead with his own candidates to support his position after it was revealed that nearly 200 have departed from the official party line of "wait and see" and have declared themselves opposed in principle to the single currency in their election addresses. Nearly a third of potential Tory MPs are now in open defiance of their leader on a crucial matter greatly affecting the nation's future. This means that were the Tories to win the election, the open warfare between the pro and anti-European wings of the party would be exacerbated, making it difficult for John Major to govern effectively, and robbing the Government of credibility abroad.

Nearly a quarter of a century after we joined the EEC. Britain's future prosperity and its role in the world are bound up with our membership. We export more to The Netherlands than to all the tiger economies of the Far East. We export twice as much to Demmark as to China. Our position as a major European power guarantees us influence in world trade talks which would vanish if we were out on our own. Inward investment from Japan and the United States has grown because we can offer access to the European market. In these circumstances it is hardly surprising that the chairman of Unilever and other leading businessmen are worried about the mess the Tories are in over Europe.

By contrast, over the past ten years Labour has gradually transformed itself from a party divided and suspicious about Europe into one united and realistic, which recognises the importance of playing a positive role in the shaping of Europe. Last week Michael Heseltine descended to personal abuse in attacking Tony Blair's likely capacity to deal with Herr Kohl and M Chirac Offensive personal remarks do not go down well with the electorate. Moreover, given the low reputation of Tory ministers on the Continent, the Deputy Prime Minister's attack will have been perceived by many to be from a position of weakness, not strength.

abour is determined to extend competition within the single mar-A ket in those areas where Britain is strong and where there are still too many national regulations, including financial services, bio-technology and telecommunications. It will support new, imaginative measures to raise public and private finance for a better infrastructure in European transport and in information superhighways. It will take a tough position on fraud, and support strong powers for the European Court of Justice. For far 100 long, the European budget has been distorted by the common agricultural policy - a view shared by the two main political parties. But by isolating itself in Europe. the Conservative Government has minimised its influence to put this right. A new Labour government would play a leading rule in guiding the crucial decision-making stages, Britain will

assume the presidency of the European Union on January I. 1998. Labour's position is clear. A single currency offers advantages in terms of monetary stability and low interest rates. Without it, the competitive advantages of a true single market cannot be attained. But those advantages will only be enjoyed if monetary union is constructed on a sound basis. That means not just fulfilling the Maastricht criteria, but ensuring that the real impact on British investment and British jubs will be positive. Labour would only contemplate recommending membership of an economic and monetary union in the referendum to which it is committed if the arrangements pass Labour's strict real economy tests. If Labour wins, Britain will join the single currency only if the Cabinet, Parliament, and the British people agree.

A Tory victory would put at stake not just our participation in economic and monetary union, but our membership of the European Union itself. A Conservative majority with a parliamentary party dominated by Eurosceptics would move us dangerously in the direction of coming out of Europe altogether. There are many reasons for not voting Conservative after 18 years of Tory government. Europe is one of the most important. Baroness Blackstone is a Labour spokesman in the Lords.

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● Conditions grow worse on St Helena, the South Atlantic island currently in revolt against its British Governor. Yesterday morning, a colleague tried to send a fax there only to find his fax call answered by a barking male voice. "Hello. Hello? Sorry. We can't accept any faxes until the next plane arrives. The island is completely out of paper."

## **Impertinence**

WHILE no accusations of drug-taking aboard John Major's election jet have ever been levelled at an Observer journalist before, a writer from the paper did run into problems the last time round: he was thrown off the Tory battlebus

Just as the weird author Will Self's alleged drug-taking proved a bit rich for Major this week, so the antics of John Sweeney, a self-sat-isfied "colour writer" for The Observer, was too much for the Tory high command in 1992.

Sweeney was at the time making a television documentary and carried with him a camcorder at all times, at one time asking the Prime Minister to film the docu-mentary-maker himself. His attitude went down like a Piers Merchant sex-scandal. Sweeney was



battlebus, on the basis that he was ignoring lobby terms.

 Chastened by a report in this newspaper that they were serving the worst travelling scoff of all the main parties, the Liberal Democrats have been pulling their act together. Instead of the usual crisps and Danish pastries, journalists stepping onto the Lib Dem plane yesterday were greeted by stewardesses bearing bowls of fresh fruit and muesli bars.

## **Bets off**

IN THE delirium after scoring the winning goal for Leicester in the Coca-Cola Cup final, Steve Claridge could not help telling the world about a three-part bet he had made earlier in the season: Leicester to win the cup, which they have; Leicester to stay in the Premiership, which they are likely to; and Manchester United to win the title, which has still to be

When the FA heard about this, however, it was on to him. "We still have to play United," he said, "and the FA wrote to me pointing out the conflict of interests, so I've had to cancel it." All is not lost. however, for Claridge, who admits to having gambled away some £300,000 during his footballing



"I was making sure his desk was completely cleared"

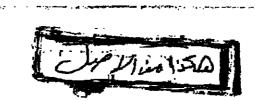
career. The bonus from winning the cup means that for the first time he has paid off his mortgage.

## Ticket to ride

BRITAIN'S envoy to the United Nations, Sir John Weston, will to-night rip the "spirit of ecstasy" sta-tuette off the bonnet of his ambassadorial Rolls-Royce Silver Spur (a light brown beauty) and hand it to Jimmy Hanway, his soft-spoken Glaswegian chauffeur.

Hanway is retiring after driving our men in Manhattan for 21 years, and Weston decided that he should receive the flying lady as a thank-you. It will be handed over at a party by the Hudson tonight.
It has not been easy being a diplomatic driver in New York recently, for mayor Rudolph Giuliani hates illegal parkers. For the record, the reliable Jimmy did not receive a single ticket in his entire

career behind the wheel. "Anyway," said a slightly miffed junior at the British UN Embassy. "we British are about the only dip-lomats who actually do pay our fines. The Foreign Office insists on it." Unlike the Russians, who run up something like 20 tickets a day.





## **FREE VOTE**

After yesterday, Tories are looking to another election

If entry to a single currency could ever be contemplated there is one vital convergence criterion which would have to be met and after today that seems increasingly unlikely. The divergence between John Major and his party is marked and growing. The attempt to finesse that dissent with the hastily floated prospect of a free vote has only confused, not defused, matters. The damaging impression of inconstancy which clung to Mr Blair last week can be attached to Mr Major now.

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The Prime Minister's difficulties yesterday, and throughout discussion of the single currency, might be attributed to his preference for party management over principle - a policy that has only made his party less manageable. The real responsibility, however, for the damaging headlines rests with the men who dynamited the terrain onto which Mr Major wished to manouevre. Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine's dismissive approach to a free vote suggests they do not trust their parliamentary party. They should not be surprised if, after the election, it does not trust them.

Although Europe's greater prominence as an election issue should help a party growing daily more sceptical in a nation moving the same way, yesterday's campaign confusion has only reinforced Tory expectations of defeat. For those who hope for the best, but increasingly fear the worst, a pressing consideration arises. How can party and leader be brought into dynamic alignment so that the energies of both can be directed best? Already, inevitably, thoughts are turning in Tory circles to who, in the event of defeat, might succeed.

Those who hope to reconstruct the Tory party in opposition face a balancing act almost as difficult as Mr Major's on monetary union. Ministers must prove themselves scrupulously loyal, energetic in defence of the collective line and yet not too intimately associated with a campaign most fear will end, however unfairly, in defeat.

One man not bound as tightly is the last applicant for the leadership post, John Redwood. Outside the Cabinet, he has experienced all the loneliness of the long distance runner but he has also had the opportunity to put some distance between himself and what he believes will be seen as this Administration's betrayals. His address to the voters of Wokingham, drawing attention to his opposition to VAT on fuel and cuts in mortgage tax relief is less a weapon for this poll and more a tool for the next. Mr Redwood is inviting his colleagues to note his prescience and acknowledge the sound populist feel of the man from All Souls. His daring may win him respect from the rebels, but his dissent may harm him in the eyes of those who suffered in silence.

Those who have not his freedom have had to tread more carefully. Michael Howard, Michael Portillo, Peter Lilley and William Hague are no more inclined to sit in a Cabinet that abolishes the pound than Mr Redwood is. Their view has, apparently, also become that of Malcolm Rifkind. Yet while they remain in a Cabinet committed to agnosticism their faith must remain a private consolation.

All have put themselves about for their party, imitating after a fashion John Prescott's position in the Labour campaign. They have been happy, Mr Portillo in particular, to accept media invitations and to take the message to the frontline but they have generally maintained a distance from headquarters. They have been vigorous in the campaign's presentation, and, conveniently after yesterday, far less so in its organisation. Yet only subtle distancing may still damage if, after defeat, an angry party judges them guilty by association.

Just as it is, now, almost inconceivable that a Tory government could take Britain into a single currency so it is unbelievable that a Tory opposition could have as its next leader anyone other than a determined opponent of further integration. It is an open question, however, whether closeness to the leadership now will mean proximity to the prize in due course.

## A NATION IN TURMOIL

## Netanyahu cannot emerge unscathed from the Bar-On scandal

Israel and Britain share the rare distinction that neither nation has a single, codified, constitution. Britain has several centuries of statute law and established convention which serves as a substitute. Israel does not. That distinction will become increasingly important as the Bar-On scandal develops. Israel's Attorney-General must quickly decide whether to accept police advice and indict Binyamin Netanyahu on charges of fraud and breach of trust. One precedent, of debatable relevance, and a badly drafted electoral law barely twelve months old, is the completely inadequate basis on which the

country must proceed. The Prime Minister has been implicated in a conspiracy to appoint Roni Bar-On as Attorney-General. Mr Bar-On was supposed to accept a plea-bargain from Aryeh Deri, leader of the small Shas Party, who has been on trial for corruption. In return, Mr Deri would ensure that his supporters backed Mr Netanyahu's peace proposals in Cabinet. It is not certain that charges will be issued. The investigators have conceded that the case against the Prime Minister is more circumstantial than for the three others cited in the affair. He may escape prosecution.

That would hardly be the end of the matter. The Attorney-General's choice could be challenged in the courts. Those indicted might make further allegations. Public opinion could well turn sour. Mr Netanyahu would be badly wounded and his capacity to conduct the peace process curtailed. The prospect of forming a national unity administration with Labour would disappear.

Alternatively, he might be indicted. Strictly speaking, Israeli law does not oblige is Premier to quit office if standing trial or even if convicted. In practice, while he might

threaten resistance, he could not survive for long if charged. Yitzhak Rabin lost power 20 years ago over a minor financial misdemeamour by his wife. If Mr Netanyahu refused to resign then a two-thirds vote in the Knesset could remove him. However, if he left voluntarily there would be fresh elections for the post of Prime Minister but not Parliament. Only if he were forced out would both institutions face the electorate.

Resignation and a new battle for the post of Prime Minister would then seem the most probable outcome. That would limit the policy consequences of this scandal. If Shimon Peres, or more plausibly Labour's Ehud Barak, emerged victorious, they would need to form a Cabinet from a centreright Knesset. That would limit their capacity to pursue a more accommodating stance towards the Palestinians or Syria. Mr Barak, who is more sceptical about peace than Mr Peres, would prefer a cautious approach in any circumstance. While Mr Netanyahu's fall would be spectacular, the substantive difference might prove modest.

Whatever comes out of this complex set of calculations, one fact should be clear to Israelis. The new law that allowed the direct election of their Prime Minister has failed to solve the problem that it was specifically designed to eradicate: namely, the excessive power wielded by small, relatively extreme, parties such as Shas. In many ways it has made matters worse. Once the whole Bar-On scandal has run its course, Likud and Labour should combine forces to deal with this issue at source. That means adopting an electoral system for the Knesset that discriminates in favour of the larger parties and prevents miniscule minorities holding the Cabinet and country to political ransom.

## WHEEL PROGRESS

## The RAC backs a balanced transport policy

motoring organisation. But to mark its centenary the Royal Automobile Club is urging Britain's 23 million car owners to leave their cars at home and cycle to work or take trains and buses. The aim is not to leave AA members a clear run on the roads but to ensure that driving will still be possible in the future. With the likely growth in car numbers, virtually all urban areas will soon be imprisoned in permanent gridlock unless motorists change the way they use their cars.

The RAC, Britain's oldest motoring organisation, insists that it does not just represent the man or woman behind the wheel. It says its dedication is to mobility rather than merely motoring; unless drivers ask themselves whether their journey is really necessary they may soon find that they cannot complete it at all. Public transport, the RAC argues, is an essential complement to private motoring, and one that needs the support of Government and motorists.

This refreshing argument is a welcome sign that even the car lobby understands that there are limits to King Car on this crowded island. All motorists are also pedestrians, home owners and holidaymakers, as infuriated as any environmental campaigner by the car's noise, pollution and despoliation of the countryside. Even behind the wheel, they are already converts to the

"On your bike" is a surprising slogan for a cause of public transport — as long as it is other motorists who take the train. At election time politicians from all parties mouth platitudes about more buses, better train services and urban cycleways; but when governments are formed, transport quickly sinks down the agenda.

The importance of the RAC's new approach is the sense of balance. Excoriating the car as an enemy may be popular with tunnelling opponents of new bypasses or the Lycra-clad cyclists "reclaiming" city centres. but it is a futile approach to today's transport needs. More than 90 per cent of all journeys are by car. Of these, almost a fifth could well be made by bicycle, bus or, using a long-forgotten mode of transport, on foot. The RAC now suggests that it members use their cars sensibly rather than automatically.

The RAC is now ready to campaign for the kind of changes that would make a new balance possible. It has taken a close interest in making some of London's most famous squares pedestrian zones. It suggests that road tax receipts should be ploughed back into public transport. And it is proposing to recruit non-driving members, offering cyclists legal cover for injury and damage to their bicycles. With the same message also now coming from some of Britain's leading car manufacturers, the age of the runaway motorcar may now be coming to an end.

## ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Europe moves to the forefront of election campaign

From Mr Rodney E. B. Atkinson

Sir. The press seems to consider as outrageously outré those Conserva-tive MPs who do no more than oppose the abolition of the pound and the Bank of England, and therefore the last vestiges of British Government sovereignty.

But even these politicians have been happy to see the signing of European treaties which permit the suspension of laws passed by our Parliament; made our courts subservient to the European Court of Justice, which daily and unchallenged makes law in our land; empowered the European Commission to pass 20,000 regulations which Westminster is powerless to resist; and permitted "Europe" to decide who can enter, reside in and vote in our country.

John Major says he does not wish to go "naked into the council chamber" (report, April 17). Having seen the re-sults of Major negotiating fully clothed, the British people not unreasonably believe they need a new leader. It is the Conservative Party's fault that they did not provide one before the election.

RODNEY E. B. ATKINSON, Alderley, Meadowfield Road, Stocksfield, Northumberland.

From Mr S. B. C. Evelegh

Sir. Yesterday's political broadcast by John Major tells us that the central issue "on doorstep after doorstep" is Europe.

Why then did he say so little about this issue on his own doorstep when he announced to the nation, from outside No 10, the holding of this election?

Yours faithfully, SHAUN EVELEGH (Referendum Party Parliamentary Candidate for Portsmouth North). Cairnbrook Fairy Road, Seaview, Isle of Wight.

From Mr R. P. Ellis

Sir. If the Conservative Party is resolutely opposed to the United Kingdom entering into a federal Europe, and if the price of monetary union is to enter into just such a political union, how on earth can there be any room for a

Disposal of toxic waste

From Professor George D. W. Smith,

Sir, Oil-based paints, paint strippers.

waste oil and lubricants, solvents,

cleaning fluids, brake fluid, anti-

freeze, wood preservatives, adhesives,

batteries, insecticides, weedkillers,

unwanted medicines - these are just

a few of the toxic substances that enter

the domestic waste stream, and end

up being dumped into landfill sites

The quantity of these substances is

small in relation to others, such as

paper, metal and garden refuse, but

their potential to cause long-term en-

vironmental damage is large. "Leach-

ate" from landfills - liquid which

seeps out from the bottom, and which

may contain a cocktail of organic

chemicals and heavy metal residues

- may begin to contaminate ground-

water supplies many years after

dumping of fresh waste on a site has

This is one reason why I believe that

the total amount of material deposited

into landfill should be kept to a mini-

mum. Everything possible should be

composted, recycled or incinerated,

and the remainder should be disposed

of safely in the smallest possible num-

ber of tightly regulated sites. Also,

every local authority should operate a

Never too late

From Miss Madge Dugdale

(letters, April 11).

ceased.

comprehensive hazardous household- economics of recycling, and many waste collection service. It's not glamorous, it's not exciting, and it costs money. But it's essential to preserve our environment.

Yours sincerely. GEORGE SMITH 8 Tilgarsley Road, Eynsham, Witney, Oxfordshire.

From the Director of The Green Alliance

Sir, Your editorial of April 7 takes environmentalists to task for failing to face economic reality. Since 1950, you say, the cost of labour has risen, while the cost of raw materials has fallen, thus making recycling uneconomic.

You do not consider why the cost of labour has risen. One reason, though not the only one, is that labour is heavily taxed through income and social security taxes. Raw materials are relatively lightly taxed. Across the EU, labour taxes account for around half of total government revenues. compared to less than a third in the 1950s. Taxes on raw materials account for less than 10 per cent, and have actually declined in the postwar era.

The manifestos of all three major parties talk of reforming the tax system to encourage work and discourage resource use and pollution. A tax shift of this sort would make the

wait-and-see policy on the single cur-

Surely, Mr Major owes us a clear answer on this point?

Yours faithfully. R. P. ELLIS. Forge Cottage, Long Sutton, Somerset. April 17.

From Mr James Provan. MEP for South Downs West (European People's Party Parliamentary Group (Conservative))

Sir, Incorrect facts are being put about regarding the transfer of Bank of England reserves to a possible European Central Bank.

Britain, if we joined the single currency, would be required - along with the other large member states to provide IS per cent of the new European Central Bank's reserves. This would amount to approximately £3 billion. This gold deposit is unlikely to be transferred from the Bank of England vaults, and it will earn interest for our Exchequer.

This £3 billion is only a proportion of the Bank of England's reserves (£27 billion). It is totally wrong, therefore, to suggest that all our reserves would have to be transferred.

I raised this matter with the Governor of the Bank of England a few weeks ago and received a very clear response to that effect. I am amazed that others have not availed themselves of the true facts on this very important issue.

JAMES PROVAN, Middle Lodge, Barns Green, Horsham, West Sussex. April 17.

From Mr Trevor Coley

Sir, You devote half a page today to comments on Europe made by 102 Conservative rebels.

I trust that you will allocate an appropriate number of column millimetres for any new-Labour rebel(s) rash enough to voice an independent

Yours truly. TREVOR COLEY. 29 Hanson Road, Abingdon, Oxfordshire. From Mr P. N. Beukers

Sir, The sneers contained in your report and leading article today on the Referendum Party's prospects are not worthy of the seriousness of the issues at stake. Maybe some of the speakers at yesterday's rally were flamboyant in making their points, but words such as paranoia and hysteria are

quite out of place. The EU is now exclusively a political and largely unelected organisa-tion, dedicated to assuming full powers right across Europe by insidious stealth, irrespective of the wishes of the peoples of the member states. Surely that is something to get excited about?

Yours faithfully P. N. BEUKERS, 9 Correnden Road, Tonbridge, Kent. April 14.

From Mr Claus von Bülow

Sir, Nicholas Wapshott (Election 97, TV Watch, April 10) mocks Sir James Goldsmith and his international jetset cocktail party" and their claim "to be a grass-roots movement which speaks for the British people" when they caution against "an undemocratic European superstate".

Mr Wapshott echoes the editor of The Times, Geoffrey Dawson, who in the 1930s similarly mocked Churchill, Duff Cooper and Eden (also cocktailparty typesi for their groundless fears of another undemocratic European

Mr Wapshott would not have liked Cassandra's performance on Trojan telly, but history proved her right.

Yours sincerely, CLAUS von BULOW, 109 Onslow Square, SW7.

From Sir Robin Williams

Sir, Mrs Margaret Daly (letter, April 16) is in error. Whoever is distributing leaflets for her in Weston-super-Mare it is not the local chairman of the Campaign for an Independent Britain, for the good reason that, alas, we have no branch in Weston-super-Mare.

Yours faithfully, ROBIN WILLIAMS (Hon. Secretary), Campaign for an Independent Britain, 81 Ashmole Street, SW8.

other environmentally-benign processes, look very different.

49 Wellington Street, WC2. From Mr J. E. Gray

STEPHEN TINDALE,

Director, The Green Alliance,

Yours sincerely

Sir. If not recycled, what to do with the waste? Filling up holes in the ground. which are then condemned land for years, or building mounds do not

seem valid options for much longer. So some kind of facility seems required anyway, and recycling is one option. Incineration is another, and if properly controlled, like the four or five municipal incinerators which have recently complied with a December 1996 EC directive, cause practically no pollution. Moreover, useful energy can be extracted. This requires expensive plant, which will take many years to pay for itself.

By the way, it is not necessary to drive to the recycling bin, as today's leading article suggests. I bicycle. Or one could arrange to call on the way. so as not to have a special car journey.

Yours etc. J. E. GRAY. 29 Gallagher Road, Bedworth, Warwickshire. April 7.

## Water costs

Sir, I can appreciate and endorse Ida Sir, I am not in a position to argue Staples's pleasure in studying with the Open University in later life (article, April 11). In my late seventies I began studying ancient and modern history to keep my brain alive. will be paid for by the consumer. Now I am celebrating an unusual

diamond jubilee, as I am being "robed" next week for a 1996 Open BA in European Humanities, to follow my original 1936 London BSc in applied statistics.

After earning my living first as a statistician and finally as a market research consultant, it's fun being a student again.

Yours sincerely. MADGE DUGDALE, Abacus House, Gote Lane. Ringmer, Lewes, East Sussex. April 16.

## Schools for sale?

From Mr George Bird

Sir, Does not the poor performance of state education show it to be ripe for privatisation?

Yours sincerely GEORGE BIRD. Sticklepath, Okehampton, Devon.

Letters that are intended for publication should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -0171-782 5046.

From Mr C. J. Reddall

whether Anatole Kaletsky is correct about the merits of a retrospective windfall tax (article, Business, April 15). I am quite sure, however, that it

These days no one can accuse the water companies of being slow on their feet. With the threat of a windfall tax hanging over their heads, Thames Water has suddenly conjured up for my small printing company a backdated and estimated demand for waste water for £3,000.

C. J. REDDAĽL Reprographic Centre. Priestley Way, Crawley, Sussex.

Yours sincerely,

#### Carey's moral agenda From the Reverend Alan C. Clifford

Sir. The Archbishop of Canterbury's

call to promote morals in school and society (letters, April 14) is timely indeed. In view of his dubious appeal for National Lottery funding for 170 country churches (letters, April 9, 16), how comfortable is his conscience over such a glaring moral inconsistency? In view of the plain biblical warn-

ings against material greed (Exodus xx, 17; Luke xii, 13-21), should not Dr Carey include gambling in his moral agenda and be more consistently Christian? Yours faithfully

ALAN C. CLIFFORD (Pastor, Norwich Reformed Church), 7 Woodside Park. Attleborough, Norfolk.

#### Lambs lost to foxes From the Chief Executive of the

British Field Sports Society

Sir, May I suggest a further reason why the scheme by the League Against Cruel Sports to compensate Welsh farmers for lambs proven to have been killed by foxes has not worked (report, April 4).

I understand the scheme was announced after little consultation with farming leaders, and with no agreement on how, at short notice, it would be administered by an anti-hunt group which has attacked farmers in its anti-hunting publicity. Many of our farmer members were

understandably suspicious that this scheme was designed as a propaganda stunt. Their suspicions seemed confirmed when the telephone number they were meant to call to arrange the lambs' collection was apparently left "off the hook". Farmers have reported to us that they were not told where the lambs would be taken or who would conduct the post mortems. As for allegations of an "organised campaign" of "hoax calls" by farmers

to send the league's officers on wild goose chases, in fact a number of farmers reported that — having made arrangements to meet league representatives to hand over carcasses they waited in vain. Yours etc.

ROBIN HANBURY-TENISON. Chief Executive, British Field Sports Society, 367 Kennington Road, SEII. April 6.

> Business letters, page 29 Sport letters, page 42

## **Economic future** of St Helena

From Mr K. J. Gardner

Sir, Perhaps the best solution for St Helena (reports, April 16, 17; leading article, April 16) - and any other UK Overseas Territory where the inhabitants want it - would be to become a

"very remote region of the EU". That was the choice for many French, Spanish and Portuguese overseas possessions such as Reunion or Guadeloupe. For EU purposes these get all the usual EU agricultural and regional subsidies plus a number of extra ones to compensate for their very remote situation. Also the inhabitants have total freedom to work any-

where in the EU. So far these privileges have not been accorded to any UK territory, largely because our Government has never asked for them. The inter-governmental conference this summer would

be a good time to do so. Yours sincerely, K. J. GARDNER (UK Member, Economic and Social Committee of the European Communities). Bishops Orchard,

Oakley Green, Windsor, Berkshire.

From the Director of the

St Helena Institute

Sir. The well deserved restoration of the right of abode in the United Kingdom for the St Helena islanders. taken from them in the Commonwealth Immigration Act 1962, would only go some way towards alleviating this British dependency's current economic problems. St Helenians love their island far too much to want to settle here in significant numbers. Rather, what they urgently need is outside investment and the encour-

agement of private-sector enterprise. Despite, for instance, a brochure, Investing in St Helena, published by the St Helena Development Agency in 1995, outside investment is ultimately discouraged not only by the lack of a suitable fiscal and legal framework, but also by the fear of social and political instability. When in 1968 a controlling share in the island's largest company. Solomon and Co (St Helena) Ltd., was acquired by a South African company, the St Helena Government intervened, as it considered it "improper to allow complete control of the company to be taken over by predominantly foreign nationals". This attitude appears to have changed little. despite assertions to the contrary.

Today approximately 70 per cent of the workforce are directly or indirectly employed by the Government. When decisions are called for, St Helena's Government seems to prefer the status quo to the uncertainties and lack of control that outside investment and private enterprise may bring. These same considerations apply particularly to their continuing failure to attract a commercial bank to St Helena.

There is little prospect of economic recovery as long as St Helena's inhabitants and its Government, which consists mainly of islanders, are reluctant to accept the risks attached to outside investment and private enterprise.

Yours sincerely ALEXANDER SCHULENBURG. : Director, The St Helena Institute, 15 Rochdale Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent. April 17.

## **UN** wastage

From Mr Michael Skelley

Sir, The jibe "Don't you have better things to do?" is often directed at police officers who enforce road traffic regulations. Would you please be good enough to print the same message in bold capital letters for the benefit of those about to convene the General Assembly of the United Nations (report, April 11) to debate the issue of non-payment of diplomatic parking

Yours faithfully MICHAEL SKELLEY. 4 King's Bench Walk. Temple, EC4.

## Shopping around

From Mr John Smart

Sir, How I sympathise with Mr Brian Parker's difficulty (letter, April 15) in buying primer paint at a garage. I recently attempted to buy spark plugs at a service station, only to be told by the assistant that they did not stock them as they were "too many different sorts". I noted that they stocked 16 different types of potato crisps.

Yours faithfully. JOHN SMART. 22 Eatonville Road, SW17.

## Spelling it out

From Mr Gareth Boote

Sir. Forgive me for not getting too worked up about the question of how to express the date in the 21st century (letters, April 10, 15, 16). At the age of 42 I recently visited my

doctor and caught sight, on his desk, of the pro-forma printing on the envelope containing my medical notes. There was included a space for the date of my death. Somewhat disturbingly, it was 19-

Yours faithfully, GARETH BOOTE. 13 Batheaston Grove. Leigh, Lancashire. April 16.



## COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE April 17: The Queen. Parron, this afternoon attended the British Horse Society Race Day at Newmarket and was received by the Vice President of the British Horse Society (the Lord Vestey) and the Chairman of Newmarket Race-course (Mr Peter Player).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 17: The Duke of York, accompanied by President Mugabe, this morning visited Exercise Blue Hungwe. Nyanga. His Royal Highness departed Zimbabwe for London this evening. April 17: The Princess Royal, Past President, the Chartered Institute of Transport, this morning attended the Conference "Transport Need from a Scottish Perspective" at the Quality Station Hotel.
Leonard Street, Perth, and was
received by Her Majesty's LordLieutenant of Perth and Kinross

(Sir David Montgomery, Bt). Her Royal Highness, President. The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, later attended a Luncheon given by Hydro Electric, Pitlochry, Perthshire. The Princess Royal, Honorary

Fellow, this evening attended the Institution of Civil Engineers' Annual Dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel, London WI. KENSINGTON PALACE April 17: The Duke of Gloucest isited the Anglican Cathedral, Seoul, and afterward cailed on the Mayor of Seoul at City Hall. Later His Royal Highness was received by the President of the Republic of

Chongro-ku. In the evening The Duke of Gloucester attended a Reception for British Veterans of the Korean War given by His Excellency Mr Stephen Brown (Her Majesty's Ambassador) and Mrs Brown at the British Embassy, Seoul, Republic of Korea. April 17: The Duchess of Glouces-ter today attended the City of London Sheriffs' Society's Lun-cheon at Saddlers' Hall, Gutter Lane, London EC2 YORK HOUSE

April 17: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon received Mr Happy Mahlongu, Deputy High Commissioner for the Republic of South Africa.

Republic of South Africa.

His Royal Highness, President, the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, this evening attended the annual dinner at the Institute of Directors, Pall Mall, London Sun

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic and District National Orthopaedic and District National
Health Service Trust, this morning
opened the Leopold Muller Arthritis Research Centre, Oswestry,
Shropshire, and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's LordLieutenant of Shropshire (Mr
Alberton Heben-Percy). Algerton Heber-Percy).
THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

April 17: Princess Alexandra this alternoon opened the Civic Centre at Wotton under Edge and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Mr Her Royal Highness later visited

Sceats Residential Home in Kenil-

worth Avenue, Gloucester.

Korea (His Excellency Mr Kim Young-Sam) and afterwards vis-ited the National Museum.

Royal engagements The Duke of Edinburgh will ittend the Queen's Body Guard of The Yeomen of the Guard Roger Monk dinner at the Union Jack

Club, Sandell Street, at 7.15. The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, will attend the Animal Welfare Symposium at the Royal Society at 9.45; will visit Musto, Linden Road, Benileet, Esser, at 3.00 and at Christy Way, Laindon, at 3.50. Later as Patron. of the Spinal Injuries Association, will attend the Grand National Anniversary ball, at the Dorchester Hotel at 7.50.

The Duchess of Gloucester will open the new adult in-patient psychiatric facilities at Hellesdon Hospital, Norwich, at 1.25; will visit Norwich Cathedral and meet members of the St Marthew Society at 3.00; and will visit the offices of Norwich and District Victim Support, la Silver Road, at 3.45. Princess Alexandra, President, will visit the Imperial Cancer Research Fund Shop at 29 High Street, Crieff, Perthshire, at 2.30; and will open Crieff Hospital at 3.50.

#### Professor C. Colin Smith

A Memorial Service for Professo C. Colin Smith, Emeritus Professor of Spanish, in the University of Cambridge, will be held in St Catharine's College Chapel. Cambridge, on May 24, 1997, at

#### **Bobby and Terry** Walker

A Service of Thanksgiving for the lives of Bobby and Terry Walker will be held at St Andrews by the Wardrobe, London EC4, 11.30am on Tuesday, May 6, 1997. W.B.S. (Bobby) Walker was a Partner of Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co from 1956 to 1982 and Senior Partner of Peats. London office from 1974 to 1980. All ex-collec and friends welcome. For further details please ring Michelle Rollingson at KPMG on 0171 311

## Birthdays today

The Hon Michael Beloff, QC. President, Trinity College, Oxford. 55; Dr Clive Booth, former Vice-Chancellor, Oxford Brookes University, 54; Mr Alan Devereux, former chairman, Sconish Tourist Board, 64: the Marquess of Donegall, 81: Mr Nick Farr-Jones, rugby player, 35; Mr Brian Fuller, former Commandant, Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh, ol; Mr David Gee, former director. Friends of the Earth, 50; Sir Peter Hordern, 68; Mr Peter Jeffrey,

actor, 68; Mr Christopher Lawrence, managing director, London Philharmonic Orchestra, 47; Lord Mason of Barnsley, 73; Miss Hayley Mills, actress, 51; the Very Rev Dominic Milroy, OSB, former Headmaster, Ampleforth College 65: Baroness Platt of Writtle, 74; the Right Rev Dr E.J.K. Roberts. former Bishop of Ely, 89; Sir Teddy Taylor, 60: Sir Edgar Unsworth, former Chief Justice of Gibraltar, 91; Mr V.E. Watts, Principal, Grey College, Durham University, 59.



Jack Musikant, a founder member of the orchestra of the Royal Opera House in 1946 celebrated his 90th birthday yesterday and to mark the event he returned to play with the orchestra in The Royal Baller's Romeo and Juliet, ten years after he retired. He is pictured with Sarah Wildor, the baller's youngest Juliet

The Institution of Civil Engineers

All England Lawn Tennis

Ustinov also spoke.

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Luncheons

City of London Sheriffs' Society

The Duchess of Gloucester attended a luncheon of the City of London Sheriffs' Society held yes-

terday at Saddlers' Hall and was

received by Alderman Sir Chris-topher Collett, president of the society. The Lord Mayor, accom-panied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, and the Master of the

Saddlers' Company and Mrs Price

Ms Mary Allen, Secretary General

of the Arts Council of England,

was the host at a luncheon held

yesterday at 14 Great Peter Street.

yesterday this e present were:
Among those present were:
Dame Merie Parise. Sir George
Russell, Ms Miriam Gross. Mr Mark
Elder. Mr Robert Gavron, Ms Ruth
Rendell, Mr David Summerscale and

National Sporting Club
Mr Ian Botham was the guest of
honour and speaker at a luncheon

of the National Sporting Club held

yesterday at the Cafe Royal to

mark its tenth anniversary as their headquarters. Mr Bob Willis, club

Service luncheon

Royal Scots Dragoon Guards Major-General Charles Ramsay. Colonel of the Royal Scots Dra-goon Guards, presided at a lun-

cheon of the Regimental Council held yesterday in Edinburgh.

chairman, presided.

were among the guests.

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n England and Wales

#### Memorial service

Major A.B. Mainwaring-Burton The Grand Duke of Luxembourg. Colonel of the Irish Guards, was represented by Brigadier R.C. Wolverson, Regimental Lieutenant-Colonel, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Major A.B. Mainwaring-Burton held yes-terday in the Guards Chapel.

Wellington Barracks.
The Rev L.H. Bryan officiated. Mr Jeremy Mainwaring-Burton, son, read the lesson and Mr Guy Mainwaring-Burton, son, gave a reading. Brigadier M.J.P. O'Cock gave an address.

#### Scriveners' Company

The Most Rev and Right Hon Dr George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, was elected an Honorary Freeman of the Scriveners' Company, was admitted as a Freeman of the City of London by the Town Clerk and Chamberlain. Mr Bernard Harty, and was admitted as an Honorary Liveryman of the Company at a court meeting and special Chamber-lain's Court held yesterday aboard HQS Wellington.

The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies. and Mrs Carey attended. Mr Barry O'Meara, Master of the Barry O'Meara, Master of the Scriveners' Company, presided. Among others present were Mrs O'Meara, Sir John Owen, Master of the Faculities, and Lady Owen, Mr Peter Beesley, registrar, and Mrs Beesley, Captain Geoffrey Davis, Master of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, and Mrs Davis and Freemen and Liverymer of the Company and their ladies.

## Reception

Rakers' Company Mr John Moon, Master of the pany, presided at a reception given yesterday by the company at Bakers' Hall to receive graduands from the National Bakery School at the South Bank University who successfully completed the 1995-96 course. Mr David Mizon, the top prize winner, received the freedom of the company.

## Supper

Franco-British Society
Lord Strabolgi, Vice-President of the
Franco-British Society, presided at
the annual meeting and supper held
last night at the RAF Club. Lady
Soames was the guest speaker.

## **Dinners**

20th anniversary of the Company of Chartered Accountants in Eng-land and Wales. Mr W.S.C. Rich-The Princess Royal was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the Institution of and and waies. Wir w. 3.c. Advantages, Master, presided, assisted by Mr G.H. Kingsmill, Senior Warden, and Mr W.K. Gardener, Junior Warden. Sir Peter Imbert Civil Engineers held last night at Grosvenor House, Mr David Green, president, presided and Mr Paul Moloney also spoke. The Ambassador of the Russian and Mr Peter Walker also spoke The Masters of the Vintners', Armourers' and Brasiers', Coo-Rederation and the High Commissioner for Canada were among the pers, Weavers' and Glovers' Companies and their ladies were among those present.

& Croquet Club
The Duke of Kent, President of the
All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club, presided at the annual
dinner held: last night at the
Institute of Directors, Mr John
Curry, Chairman, presided, Mr
Mey Chairman, and Civ Debar The Partners of Vizards were the hosts at a dinner held last evening in Middle Temple Hall to mark the firm's bicentenary. Lord Bingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Christopher Oldham, senior part-ner of Vizards, and Mr Bernard Robertson and Sir Peter Livesey, QC, were the speakers.

Chester Business Club Mr Melvyn Bragg was the guest of honour and principal speaker at a dinner of the Chester Business The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, was a speaker at a dinner and ball held

**Anniversaries** 

London, 1882.

York, 1964.

advance, 1775.

bey, 1874.

BIRTHS: Sir Francis Baring, banker, Larkbear, Devon, 1740;

Louis-Adolphe Thiers, 1st Presi-

dent of the Third Republic of

France 1871-73, Marseilles, 1797;

Leopold Stokowski, conductor,

DEATHS: John Leland, anti-

quary. London, 1552; Ottorino Respighi, composer, Rome, 1936; HAL Fisher, historian, London.

1940; Albert Einstein, physicist, Nobel laureate 1921, Princeton, New Jersey, 1955; Ben Hecht, novelist and film writer, New

American patriot Paul Revere rode

from Charlestown, Boston, to

Lexington to warn of the British

The remains of Dr Livingstone

The Natural History Museum

London Bridge was sold to an

Mr Peter John Jacobs, Mr John Wait and Mr Marten Frank Coares to be Circuit Judges. Mr Jacobs will be assigned to the Wales and Chester Circuit and Mr.

Wait and Mr Coates to Midland and Oxford Circuit.

American oil company, 1968.

Circuit judges

were interred in Westmins

opened, London, 1881.

#### House, Chester, Mr Martin Seed. vice-chairman, presided. Robin Mosley and Mr Clough-Parker, secretary, Service dinners

Club held last night at the Most

Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach presided at a dinner of the Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 held yesterday on HMS Dryad to mark the 200th anniversary of the Banle of Cape St Vincent. Sir Robert Atkinson was the principal

RAF Strike Command Air Marshal G.A. Robertson, Chief of Staff/Deputy Commander in Chief, RAF Strike Command received the guests at a dining in night held last night at Headquarters RAF Strike Command. Group Captain G.S. Harker presided.

#### Scottish Episcopal Church

The Rev Robert (Robin) David Lee. Chaplain, Parish of St John's, Maadi, and All Saints Cathedral, Zamalek, Egypt, to be Rector, St Peter's, Peebles, and Priest-in-Charge. St Andrew's, Innerleithen

The Rev Peter John Taylor, Rector Ine Kev Peter John Laylor, Rector, St Oswald's, King's Park, Glasgow, to be Rector, Greyfriars, Kirkcudbright & St Mary's Gatehouse (Glasgow and Galloway).

## University news

The Roche Prize in Laboratory Medicine 1997 has been awarded to Joseph P. de Borio, New proxime accesserunt: Houman Ashrafian, St John's College, and Mark S. Duxbury, Lincoln Mark S. Duxbury, College Cambridge

Elected to a Fellowship and appointed Lecturer in Physiology from April I: Ian Michael Winter. Elected to a Fellowship and appointed Lecturer in Geography from October I: Neil Stuart Arnold.

Elected to a Fellowship and ap-pointed Lecturer in Music from October I: Stefano Castelvecchi.

## Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.F. Kay and Miss A.F. Bubna-Kasteliz and Miss A.F. Bubna-Kasteliz
The engagement is announced
between Jonathan, eldest son of Sir
Maurice and Lady Kay. of
Nantwich, Cheshire. and
Francesca, eldest daughter of Dr
and Mrs Reune Rubna-Kasteliz of and Mrs Bruno Bubna-Kasteliz, of Bath, Somerset

Mr M.J. Cassidy and Ms R.A. Simpson The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Frank Cassidy, of Cottingham, Hull, and Amelia, youngest daughter of Mrs Sylvia Simpson and the late Mr George Simpson, of Rongai, Kenya. Mr J.R. Church and Miss S.C. Koehler

The engagement is announced between Joshua, son of Mr and Mrs W.D. Church, of Malvern, Worcestershire, and Sabine, daughter of Mrs E.C. Lonergan, of Malvern. Worcestershire, and the late Mr W.W. Koehler. Mr H.M.L Clark

and Miss A.V. Adams The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs M. Clark, of Nottingham, and Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.D.G. Adams, of Runcton, Chichester.

Mr J.C. Comport and Miss J.K.L. Berkeley The engagement is announced The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of the late Mr Royston Comport and of Mrs Barbara Riley, of Caversham, Berkshire, and Juliette, daughter of Mr and Mrs Grahame Berkeley, of Shawell, Linear Berkeley. Leicestershire

The Rev J.R.M. Cook and Miss C.A. Whittaker The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr R.C.M.

Cook, FRCS, and Mrs A.V. Cook, of Grassendale Park, Liverpool, and Camilla, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Whittaker, of Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire. Mr M.C. Day and Miss M.J. Wood

The engagement is announced between Malcolm, son of the late Lawrence Day and of Mrs Grace Day, of Lyme Regis, Dorset, and Miranda, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Wood, of Upton, Wiveliscombe, Somerset.

The engagement is announced between Bruce, son of the late Mr and Mrs Harold Grainger, of

Harrow, Middlesex, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Marden, of Concorde, Mr DJ. Hearth and Miss R.D. Lueck The engagement is announced between Dominic, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Hearth, of

Fargo, North Dakota. Dr I.D. McPhillips and Miss Z. Mirza The engagement is announced between Ian. son of Mr and Mrs Peter McPhillips. and Zarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Babar

Mirza.

Fenny Compton, and Rebecca, daughter of Mrs Dianne Lueck and Mr Wallace Lueck, both of

Mr D.J. Moody and Miss L.L. Paterson The marriage will take place today at St Joseph's RC Church, New Malden, Surrey, between Derek John Moody, of Grappenhall, Cheshire, and Laura Louise Paterson, of New Malden, Surrey. Mr N.H.C. Tindal

and Miss S.M. Walsh The engagement is announced between Nicolas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Charles Tindal, of Ballyloughan, Co Donegal, and Ciables, eldes doubter of Mr Siobhán, elder daughter of Mr Redmond Walsh and the late Mrs Eileen Walsh, of Newbury, Berk-shire and Achill Sound, Co Mayo. Mr I.S.C. Wakefield

and Miss R.E.I. Roberts The engagement is announced herween lain, eldest son of Mr Scott Wakefield, of Coral Springs. Florida, and Mrs Patricia Wakefield, of Oxford, and Rachel, Mrs Alexandra Mr daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan

Roberts, of Oswestry. Lieutenant Commander T.J.L. Williamson, RN, and Miss P.L. Lyon The engagement is announced

between Toby, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Williamson, of Canterbury, Kent, and Polly, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Lyon, of Denbigh, Denbighshire and Tetbury.

## Church news

Appointments The Rev Gerald Field, Vicar, Shap w Swindale and Bampton w Mardale, to be Priest-in-charge. Vicar-designate, All Souls, Netherton (Carlisle).

The Rev Robert Fuller, Vicar, Ripley Parish Church (Derby), to be Vicar, Colchester, St John (Chelmsford). The Rev Hugh Hoskins, Vicar,

West Lavington and The Cheverells, to be Priest-in-charge. Heytesbury and Sutton Veny, and Team Rector Designate, Upper Wylye Valley Team Ministry (Salisbury).

The Rev Tim Humphrey. Assistant Curate, Wallington (Southwark), to be Missioner to the Warham Trust and Faith Development Field Officer among adults in the conry; and also Associate Priest, Church Oakley w Wootton St Lawrence (Winchester).
The Rev Colin Hurst, Team Vicar,
Broughton Astley w Croft and
Stoney Stanton (Leicester), to be Vicar, St Andrew,

(Liverpool). The Rev Joan Matthews, Curate, St Michael, Aughton: to be Rector. St Mary, Wavertree (Liverpool). The Rev Ian Mitchell, Curate, Newbold: to be Priest-in-charge, All Saints, Matlock Bank (Derby). The Rev David Monteith. Assistant Curate, All Saints, King's

Heath (Birmingham): to be Assistant Curate, St Martin-in-the Fields (London).
The Rev Richard Norman, Associate Rector, All Saints, Chevy Chase, Maryland, USA: to be Assistant Curate, St Andrew's,

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Southgate (London). Canon John Oates, Vicar, St Bride, Fleet Street: to be also Area Dean of the City of London (London). The Rev Dr David Ottewell, Assistant Curate (NSM), St Peter and St Paul, Barnby Dun (Sheffield): to be Priest-in-charge (NSM). Finningley w Auckley

The Venerable Gordon Reid. Vicar-General to the Bishop in Europe (Europe): to be also Priestin-charge, St Michael Comhill (London). The Rev Jeremy Saville, Rector,

Rural Dean of Saffron Walden elmsford). The Rev Kevin Scott, Assistant Curate, Rushall: to be Priest-in-

charge. Goldenhill (Lichfield). The Rev Richard Simpson, Curate, ine Key Kichard Shingson, Cartair, Si Gabriel, Heaton: to be Priest-in-charge, Holy Trinity, Jesmond and St Barnabas and St Jude, Newcastle (Newcastle). The Rev Guy Thorburn, Rector.

Moresby (Carlisle): to be Vicar. Great Clacton. St John

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ARSDELL - Olivia 16th April at Morfolk. Long James Paget, Norfolk, Long awaited arrival for Candice awaited atti and Darren ATKINSON - Simon and Lisa (noe Bateman) are delighted (née Esteman) are delighted to smounce the birth of their son, Jamie, on 9th April. BARTON - On 9th March at The Royal London Hospital, to Susan and Sebastian, a daughter, Helama Charlotto Etzabeth Lansdall, a sister for Rupert. for Rupert.

BOAM - On April 15th, to
Sasha (née Edwards) and
Thomas, a daughter Katya
Amy Charlotte.

SERWER - On March 18th to
Penny (née Jonas) and Paul,
a son, Angus William, a
brother for Max and Bogo. protect for max and Hogo.

BRUMERO - On 16th April
1997 to Deborah (aée
Battsek) and Anthony, a
daughter, Ekim Rose, a sister
for Sam. for Sem.

BUXTON - On 16th April 1997

to Louise (née Regan) and
Alan, a gorgeous daughter,
Megan Fontaine. A sister for
Molly. Molly.

CARR - On 4th April 1997 to
James and Jo, a son,
Alexander Michael.

COLLES-JOSEES - On April 7th
at The Portland Hospital to
Amenda and Suphen, a son
William, a brother for
Edward. Edward.

COORE - On April 15th at The
Portland Hospital to Linda
(nie Laird) and Richard, a
son Callen, a brother to
Emma and Ryan. Emma and Eyan.

DECREOS: - On April 13th to

Miranda (nos Alexander) and

Hugo, a son, "Morry"

(Morton Hugo Alexander), a

brother for Lily. BOCKERTY - OR April 14th to Bachel (nés Simper) and Gavin of Docking Surrey, a son, Cameron Thomas.

son, Cameron Thomas.

DUNKOY - On Agril 15th 1997.

to Francesco (nie Lappen)
and Mark, a daughter.

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PRESMAN - On April 16 1997
TO Enma (née Walbeoffe-Wilson) and Mark, a daughter, Lily Sabrina Walbeoffe, a sister for Chica.

waldedite, a sister for Chlos-GAJADHARSSIGH - On 10th April, to Susis (me Bower) and Getry, a daughter, jessica Mary, a sister for Chlos.

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to Carol (née Laybourne, and Bruce, a daughter, Laun and Bruce, a daughter, (subelle, a sister for R HOLDEN - On April 15th at The MICKLETHWAIT - On April 10th to Fevronia and John, a son, Richard Thomas MOSELY - On April 7th 1997, to Catherine (nee Hall) and to Catherine (née Fiail) and William, a daughter Josephine Elisa. PARSONSON - On 13th April, to Bichard and Sharon (use Seager), a son, Alexander Expert Falks, a brother for Caristopher. PAYON - On March 27th at The Portland Hospital to Kristin and Scott Bartlett, a daughter, Eliza Delaveryne. FERS - On April 14th 1997 to Terry (nés Stenning) and Richard, a daughter Hazel

DEATHS OHAM - Celia, much loved MEMAM - Calin, much loved Annt of Ben, Bory & Melanie, it great Annt of Louiss, died pencetally April 14th at spe 87. Funetal Saturday April 19th St Mary's, The Boltoms, 5W10 at 2pm followed by interment at the Brompton CHARMSHAMS - Paul Cn April 17th 1997 aged 82 psectruly at home. Beloved humband of the late Dinns, father and grandfather. Private cremation at Tunbridge Wells. Crematorium. No flowers. Donations if destree, Widnyham. All conquises to E. Medhurst, Hartfield, East Susset. 01852 770253.

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GRATTHARR - Dr. Wilhelm Eitel Fredrich Leopold on Wednesdey 16th Agral 1997 at home in Bristol. Much loved brasband of Audrey, father of Christopher, Junithus and the late Nicholes. Gandfather of Sobert and Wilhem. Peneral Sevice at St Mary Magdelene Cherch. Stoke Bishop, Bristol 10 45sm on Saundry April 19th followed by family committed No Llowers. Donations to St Peter's Hospice, St Agnes Avenue, Knowle, Bristol BS4 2DU.

DEATHS MAY-EDE - Gard, 16th April 1997, died peacefully, Much loved mother, mother-in-law and gamdmother (Mar Mot), great friend to all who knew her. Funeral Service today at 3pm in Kilbroney Parish Church, Rostrevor, Cremation the next day at Roselawn Crematodrum of Roselawn Crematodrum of Lam. No flowers please, denations if desired to Marie Curie Nurses, co Mahood's Funeral Service, Mary Street, Rostrevor, County Down, 8734 3AT

MOOPER - Suddenly as a result of an accident on 15th April 1997. Shells beloved wife of Kenneth, The Rowars, Freston Road, East Linnon, Funeral Service in Prestonkirk Church, East Linton on Wednesday 23nd April at 2pm and thereafter to interment at Prestonkirk Cemetery to which all friends are respectfully invited.

HOWLETT - Miss DM. Howlett (Mary), late of Sunburyon-Thames. Passed away peacefully at Eastcotts Numing Home on 14th April, 1997 aged 77 years. Cremation, for Institution, to West Sufficile Crematorium, Bury 5t Edmunds, on Thumsisy 24th April at 12.45 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held at Sunbury on Themes at a later date. Femily flowers only, please, but denations if winhed for the Methodist Homes for the Methodist Homes for the Aged may be sent of H. Paintin Ltd. 60 Withmarfield Road, Euverhill, Suffolk C29 9HR.

Miller - Mrs Rina, Widow of Tom de Burgh Miller of Hayling Island died peacefully on April 15th 1997 after a prolonged illness bravely borne in Gorseway Bursing House, Hayling Island. Dearest mother of Helen and John and sister of Andrew. Foneral Service at St. Mary's Church, Hayling Island on Felday April 25th at 2 pus followed by cremation at Chichester. Flowers maybe sent to Grady's Funeral Directors, 23 Mengham Road, Hayling Island, FOII 98G.

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE MICHOLAS - Sir Herbert
Nichard known as Sir Hany
Nicholas. On 14th April
1997, aged 92, former
General Secretary of the
Labour Party and acting
General Secretary of the
Transport and General
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Vale Workers Union. Cremation at Vale Crematorium on Thursday 24th April at 1ym. Polvess or donations to Age Concern abrold be sent to Dowsett & Jenkins, 7 Senny Rill Rond, Streatham London SW16 ZUE (Tel: 0181 769 3181). PRIL - Dorriel, suddenly on April 15th, aged 72 years, Sister of Patricia and Araminta, Funeral Service at Araminta, Funeral Service at Meet. Sister of Patricia and Azamina Puncari Service at Operich Gremstorium, West Chapel on Wednesday Andi 23rd at 11.65cm, Enquiries to Woolnough Funeral Service Tek 01986 872204. SERVICES

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PERRY - At home after a short illness on April 16th, Dr jense Ross Perry, desplant of the late David and Alice Perry of Wellington, New Zealand, dear friend of Summe Mowet and beloved most of the family. Peneral Thursday April 24th, 10sm, & Sasphan's and Holy Ghoet Church, Ashchurch Grove, London W12, followed by connection at Mortiake Cremetodism at 11.30mm. metorium at 11.30mm.
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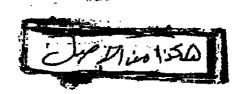
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## **OBITUARIES**

## CHAIM HERZOG

Chaim Herzog, President of Israel. 1983-93, died in Tel Aviv yesterday aged 78. He was born in Belfast on September 17, 1918.

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atterly a somewhat patrician-seeming figure in a country not noted for its tolerance of anything that approaches an assumption of social superiority, Chaim Herzog exemplified the qualities of that Ashkenazi (north European) elite which effectively created the state of Israel and guided its fortunes in the first thirty years of its existence.
He came of a copper-bonomed

rabbinical family in Ireland and had a London University education before being called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn. He had served as an officer with the British Army in the Second World War. He fought in the battles that led to the creation of the state of Israel in 1948 and rose thereafter to become a general in the Israeli Army. Called to the Israeli Bar at the end of his military career, he founded a highly-respected law firm before going on to develop a distinguished diplomatic career. In 1981 he was elected to the Knesset for the Labour Party.

Nevertheless, by the time Herzog was elected to the first of his two terms in the largely ornamental office of President in 1983, the political atmosphere had changed. Five years earlier the Labour Party, the instrument of Ashkenazi political will in Israel, had for the first time lost its control of the Knesset, A new breed of political "rough beasts", born in Israel and, with a historical memory forged entirely in the cauldron of that country's creation, was making its presence felt. Indeed, when the Labour Party put his name forward as a presidential candidate, his great friend Shimon Peres was at first reluctant to support him, from a feeling that the President of Israel ought to be of non-Ashkenazi origins.

In the event, Herzog's presidency

did not, in fact, suffer from a perception that he was one of 'yesterday's men" - or that he considered himself a cut above the common herd. The services he had rendered his country were too great for that to happen. His immensely heartening broadcasts to the nation during the desperate early hours of the Six-Day War, when it at first appeared that the Israeli state was on the verge of extinction, had earned him an ineradicable place in the affections of the people. Both as Ambassador to the UN and as President, he presented his country's position on the international stage, with courage and dignity. Perhaps the somewhat complacent tone of his recently published memoir, Living History, did him and his solid achievements less

than justice. A man of fairness and urbane good humour. Herzog retained to the end an admiration of the culture of the British Isles which had nurtured him. His appointment as honorary KBE in 1971 was one of his most prized honours.

Chaim Herzog was born in Belfast, the elder son of Rabbi Yitzhak Herzog, but grew up in Dublin, after the family moved there when his father was appointed Chief Rabbi of Ireland. Herzog went to a Dublin school and also joined the Jewish Macrabi youth movement.

He was sent by his father to Palestine in 1935 to study at a yeshiva (Talmudic college) in Jerusalem. While he was there he took the opportunity to join the Haganah (the Jewish Defence Force). He returned to Britain to take an LLB degree at London University and was subsequently called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn.

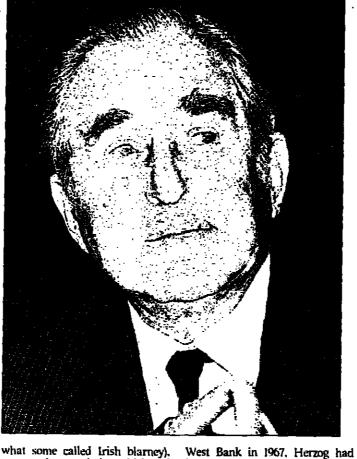
In 1939 he enlisted in the British Army and later took part in the Normandy landings and the North-West Europe campaign. He was among the first Allied soldiers to cross the Rhine and was wounded in the fighting around Bremen. He recovered quickly and served with Army Intelligence, with the rank of major, in northern Germany. As such he was one of the last interrogators of Heinrich Himmler, before the head of the SS committed suicide,

Demobilised from the British Army in 1947, Herzog decided to rejoin the Haganah in Palestine. where his father was now Chief Rabbi. With the war between the Jews and the Arabs soon to break out on the departure of the British from Palestine. Herzog became head of the Jewish Agency's security department. During the war, he fought in the battle for Latrun as an operations officer with the Seventh Brigade. On the formation of the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF). he was appointed head of the intelligence department of the General Staff Branch.

In 1950 he was appointed military attaché at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, where he served for four years, returning to Israel to become commander of the Jerusalem District. From 1957 to 1959 he was OC Southern Command, then for the next three years, until his retirement from the Army (with the rank of major-general) he returned to his former post as head of Army Intelligence.

Having been called to the Israeli Bar, Herzog opened his own law firm and represented Sir Isaac Wolfson and his Great Universal Stores in Israel. But his interest in army and security matters remained intense. He won acclaim during the Six-Day War in 1967 with his radio commentaries. Although the war was very soon to be seen as a crushing victory, in the build-up to it the public was in a state of acute anxiety created by the Egyptian maritime blockade, by a sense that on all sides its enemies were closing in and hell-bent on its destruction.

Herzog's calm, analytical talks over the forces' radio network, spiced with a dose of humour (and



what some called Irish blarney). reassured a population which had initially been thoroughly alarmed by stories of Egyptian strength. During the Yom Kippur War of 1973, he was reinstated as Israel's chief military commentator on the radio, once again displaying his qualities as an astute observer. Again. he was widely listened to by a troubled population, which in the opening days of the conflict had to accept the fact that the Egyptian Army was making dramatic advances, while the Israelis fought to contain Syria on the Golan

Heights. After the Israeli occupation of the passionate defence of his country's position, ripping a copy of the draft resolution to shreds when he went to the podium to speak against it. He remained at his post in 1977

when the Government of Menachem Begin, with whom he had little sympathy, was formed, following the surprise defeat of the Labour Party. But he resigned in 1978 to return home to his law practice, his writing, his business interests, and the leadership of such organisations as Ort, for the world technical training of Jewish youth.

He campaigned for the reform of the Israeli electoral system to enable Members of the Knesset to represent districts or constituencies on the British model. He formed the Committee for Concerned Citizens to enable Israelis of British origin to participate more fully in Israeli politics and to spread more widely British virtues of tolerance and politeness. He was welcomed by the leadership of the Labour Party (in which Abba Eban was a leading figure), was one of the chief organisers of the party's 1981 election campaign, and won a seat in the 10th Knesset. But his standing in the party suffered from its failure to dislodge Begin from power.

Herzog suffered a heart attack in 1982, and it was while he was convalescing that he heard that he had been elected a member of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Security Committee. When Itzhak Navon announced that he would not seek another term as President. the Labour Party decided to put forward Herzog's name for the post, in opposition to the candidate presented by the governing Likud coalition, a worthy but little known judge of the Supreme Court, Professor Menachem Elon. With its command of the 64 out of 120 votes in the Knesset, the Likud seemed certain to have its candidate elected, but Herzog's popularity crossed party lines, and in March 1983, to the chagrin of Begin, Herzog

received 61 votes to Elon's 57. Like his brother-in-law Abba Eban (who was Foreign Minister, 1966-74) Herzog was occasionally perceived as being somewhat aloof from the concerns of ordinary people, and his image was also tarnished with the country's liberal Establishment when, in 1986, he granted presidential pardons to agents of the security service, Shin Bet, who had allegedly been involved in killing two Arab captives. In a similar case, in 1990 he was criticised for commuting the sentences of Jewish underground members who had been convicted of killing Arabs in the occupied West Bank.

Among Herzog's many trips abroad during his presidency was a visit in 1987 to the Nazi concentration camp at Bergen-Belsen which he had first seen as a British officer soon after its liberation in April 1945. One of his last foreign tours was a visit to Britain in February, 1993, when he discussed the progress of the Arab-Israeli peace process with the Prime Minister, John Major. Herzog retired as President in May of that year and was succeeded by Ezer Weizman. At periods of inner tension in the

country, Herzog, with his gift for words - the Irish brogue still distinct in his English and his Hebrew impeccable - his humour. and his refusal to take extreme stands, was valued as a source of strength and urbane reassurance, which was an antidote to the actions of the more excitable, rough and tough politicians of a younger generation.

Herzog wrote several books on Israel's wars with the Arabs, as well as (with Mordecai Gihon) Battles Of The Bible (1978). In all his books, he wrote with lucidity and with good grasp of his subject.

His wife, Aura, nee Ambache (a member of a distinguished Egyptian-Jewish family), has been a leader of several cultural organisations in Israel. They had three

## TADEUSZ ZENCZYKOWSKI ZAWADSKI



Tadeusz Zenczykowski Zawadski, wartime Polish resistance fighter, died on March 30 aged 90. He was born on January 2, 1907.

IN 1938, at the age of 31, Tadeusz Zenczykowski Zawadzki became the youngest Member of Parliament in Poland. A year later the Ger-Zenczykowski Zawadzki put forward a resolution that all MPs should volunteer for the Army. He himself led by example. By October 1939 he had been arrested and taken prisoner of war. Zenczykowski Zawadski escaped his captors a few months later and began those activities in the Polish Resistance which were to make him, at one time, perhaps the most wanted man in Poland.

He was the organiser of 'Action N", a relentless, psychological and diversionary

try's occupiers. It famously included the production and extensive distribution of what the Germans commonly believed to be a newspaper produced for the occupying forces by the Germans. Although, in the most subtle ways undermining of the occupiers, it could readily be obtained all over Poland.

of the initiators and organisers of "Blyskawica" (Lightning), the only radio station to broadcast from the battleground of the ill-fated Warsaw uprising. He recruited people by his enthusiasm and conviction and actors, journalists and writers joined the radio team on short waves 32.8 and 52.1. Meanwhile, on medium wave, "Action N" continued its diversionary work, transmitting programmes aimed at the Wermacht.

Two years earlier, in the hope of capturing Zenczy-

campaign against his coun- kowski Zawadski, the Gestapo arrested, interrogated and tortured his wife, sending her first to Majdanek concentration camp and then to Auschwitz. She escaped only during the German evacuation of Poland in 1945. The couple were reunited and avoided further arrest by escaping to Italy where they joined the 2nd Polish Corps with whom they came to London. In 1953 they settled in Munich.

But if his fight with Nazism

had ended, the postwar years saw Zenczykowski Zawadzki engaged in a tireless battle against Communism. He became deputy director of the Polish broadcasting department of Radio Free Europe. For 20 years his broadcasts and political commentaries on the turbulent events taking place in his homeland were a regular feature of Polish life and the subject of widespread discussion. Listeners learns what their own state radio refused to transmit.

At that time Warsaw had only three radio stations and concerted government efforts were made to ban and scramble transmissions, yet the Pol-ish department of Radio Free Europe became universally known as "Warsaw 4".

In his retirement in the 1970s, Zenczykowski Zawadski left Munich to live in London.

During his life he had published numerous articles and pamphlets as well as books on the history of Poland and the Polish Resistance some with print-runs in excess of 20,000 copies - many run off on the underground presses in Poland.

His work is often quoted by Polish historians today, many of whom were educated on these clandestine texts. From London he was in close contact with, and an active supporter of, KOR (the Workers Defence Committee) which was eventually to go on to spawn Solidarity.

He leaves his widow Darka. They had no children.

## Eric Holt, English

painter and craftsman, died of brain cancer on March 31 aged 52. He was born on May 12, 1944.

been appointed military command-

er there. But he soon returned to his

law practice and business interests.

His strong liking for the British people was reflected in his presi-

dency of the Israel-British Com-

Minister, appointed him Israel's

Ambassador to the United Nations,

a post which had been held by his

brother-in-law, Abba Eban. He

championed his country's cause

with skill, but could not prevent the

UN from passing a resolution

equating Zionism with racism. Herzog attacked the decision with a

In 1975 Yigal Allon, then Foreign

monwealth Association.

AN ECCENTRIC painter, Eric Holt was much more like such oddballs as Stanley Spencer and Edward Burra than any more conventional successors of Sickert and his his career he resolutely made his own way through the tangles of art.

In his childhood Holt was dyslexic and was assumed to be mentally backward. Fortunately he showed artistic talent and was chosen for a special art course at a nearby school when he was 13. From there he went to Epsom Art School for three years, and then, briefly, to Wimbledon School of Art, before leaving to earn his living..
Holt was always primarily

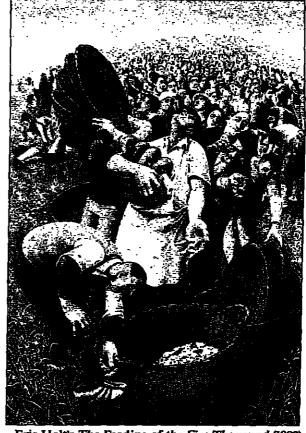
a painter. But he was almost fanatically slow and set himself exacting technical standards. He would work and rework his canvases again and again until he was convinced he had got them just

At the start of his career he took a heterogeneous array of jobs, including groundsman on a caravan site, van driver, factory worker and digger of tunnels for a civil engineering firm. He moved on to restoring antique furniture — a craft which always fascinated him. In fact, if he had had the time, he would liked to have built his own house, made his own furniture and grown all his own food.

He had a passion for the countryside and for nature. He also loved country crafts. some time before it became fashionable to do so. In the months before his death, when cancer had already been diagnosed, he set out to make a wooden table the top of which would be inlaid with samples from every British tree.

His expertise as a restorer was so valued by his employ-

## **ERIC HOLT**



Eric Holt's The Feeding of the Five Thousand (1983)

ers that they were far from pleased when he decided that he should concentrate entirely on his painting. But it increasingly became necessary for him to do so. While he had been working on other jobs he had been able to produce only two pictures a year.

From 1971 onwards, Holt was a fixture of the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition. In 1972 he had his first oneman show at the Maltzahn Gallery, and in 1977 he began to show at the Piccadilly Gallery. This was to remain his dealer for the rest of his life. Until 1978 he was living and working in Purley, but later he bought a cottage near Sandringham. He was amused that, despite the simplicity of the place, the Queen's

quired on the deed of purchase.

Holt's usual subject-matter was meticulously observed people doing quite usual things but in a slightly bizarre. or even fantastic, context. His compositions were usually crowded and complex his figures apparently pulled hither and thither by unseen forces which lent dynamism to even the most static subjects. Latterly, the pictures became more surreal, with increasingly a touch of satire, as in The Blind Leading the Blind or Bishops and Politicians, both painted in the late 1980s. But the observation was quizzical rather than bitter.

Throughout his final illness he continued to work. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, personal signature was re- and a son and a daughter.

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A considerable change has been made in the organisation of the horse artillery. Major

King's scheme for increasing their mobility has been adopted, and now each battery will move with a spare team to each gun and with only three wagons. The cavalry brigade artillery organisation will be one horse banery and a section of I in. Maxims each. The mounted inlantry brigade will have one horse battery and two sections of 1 in. Maxims

THE SIEGE OF MAFEKING. (FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MAFEKING, APRIL 7. Lieutenant Frank Smitheman, an Intelligence officer belonging to Colonel Plumer's force, arrived recently and is leaving to-night.

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With the arrival in January of Lord Roberts as C-in-C, the war took a more favourable turn for the British forces: Ladysmith was relieved in February and Majeking in May.

journey he has so successfully accomplished for the purpose of carrying important des-patches to Colonel Baden-Powell and becoming acquainted with the disposition of the enemy's forces and the condition of Mafeking. He was accompanied by a native diviner who preceded him carrying a rod, by the aid of which the native claimed to be able to detect the presence of Boers. Lieutenant Smitheman made the journey in two nights from Colonel Plumer's camp. The undertaking was without exciting incident until he reached the outlying defences of Mafeking, when he found himself in trenches so distant from the town that he

concluded that they must be the enemy's. Lying quiet the diviner, whose powers were sadly at fault, was unable to decide to whom the trench belonged. Presently, however, he discovered from conversation with some natives that these were our lines. Lieutenant Smitheman, having completed his journey by delivering his despatches, stayed in Maleking for some days.

THE PRISONERS AT ST. HELENA.
(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

ST. HELENA, APRIL 16. The whole of the Boer prisoners brought by the Milwaukee were landed to-day and sent in two batches, first the officers and then the men, to the camp which has been prepared for them at Deadwood Plain. The men were very dirty and poorly clad, but all seemed cheerful and glad to get ashore. The march to Deadwood occupied three hours, and there were many stragglers, wearied with their long confinement on board ship, who were placed in the ambulances which accompanied the

The prisoners were met at the camp gate by the fife band of the 3rd West India Regiment, which played them in. The prisoners are all pleased with the healthy situation of their new

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■ The Government's European policy was in confusion last night after John Major's two most senior ministers admitted they had not been consulted over his promise to give Tory MPs a free vote on joining a single currency.

Mr Major surprised and pleased Eurosceptics when he

hinted that a free vote was likely. However, Michael Heseltine and Kenneth Clarke played down suggestions that the party's 

#### 20 new peers in surprise Downing St list

■ John Major has surprised colleagues by naming about 20 new peers in the middle of the election campaign. Up to six former Labour MPs and some from other parties will be among those heading for the House of Lords in the list to be announced by Downing Street at midnight tonight......Page 1

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One of the most ravishing landscapes by Poussin, the 17th-century French master, is likely to leave Britain for the Getty Muse-... Page i um in California ...

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The RAC has announced an image change, unveiling its own fold-up bike, and urging motorists to take to two wheels on short journeys. Britain's oldest motoring organisation says a fifth of all car journeys are "frivolous and unnecessary" and fears a future of motorists "sitting bumper to bumper all day". It is offering a £10 membership for non-motorists ...... Page 5



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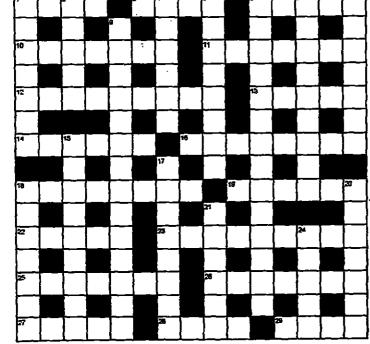
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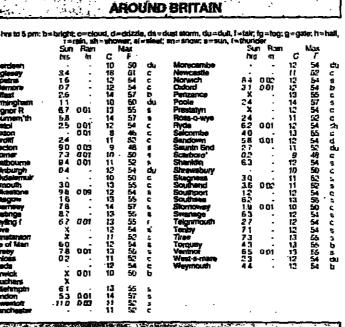
light overall, and temperatures close Scotland and Northern Ireland will be mostly cloudy, though the province and western Scotland could see some bright or suriny intervals. North and east Scotland may catch some drizzle, though Shetland should be-come brighter by the afternoon. Winds will be light and temperatures about normal for the time of year.

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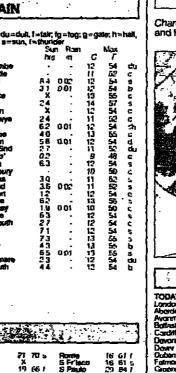
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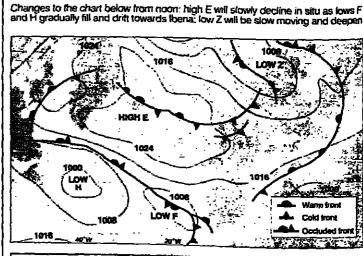
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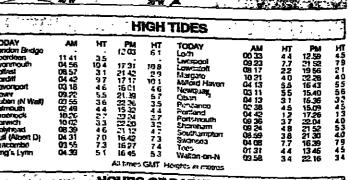
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## **BUSINESS**

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## **EDUCATION**

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been progressing. But no con-

clusion has been reached and

the shares remain suspended.

terday refused to comment on

the suspensions either of the

CWS managers or of the Lani-

ca shares. Lanica missed this

week's deadline to put a motion to the CWS annual

Mr Regan and Lanica yes-



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# Co-op suspends two after leaks



THE Co-operative Wholesale Society has suspended two of its most senior staff under suspicion of a serious breach of trust relating to dealings with companies controlled by Andrew Regan, the entrepreneur who has been trying to buy parts of the CWS.

Allan Green, who was pro-moted to the post of retail chief only in November, and David Chambers, who succeeded Mr Green as head of the £3 billion buying organisation, the Cooperative Retail Trading Group, were both relieved of Manchester headquarters yes-

Mr Green is one of the fivestrong management executive of the CWS and both he and Mr Chambers are part of the trading committee that effectively runs the retailing giant. The two worked together at Hillards, the Yorkshire food retailer bought by Tesco in the 1980s. Mr Green left to join Booker and came to the CWS in 1990, while Mr Chambers joined the CWS in 1993 after a

spell at Poundstretcher. CWS said there was a suspected recent breach of trust - believed to be connected to the leaks of extracts from CWS's annual report which

were passed to last weekend's press by public relations firms acting for Mr Regan.

The CWS has asked Linklaters & Paines, the solicitors, and KPMG, the accountants, to investigate business dealings between CWS operations run by Mr Green and Mr Chambers and companies controlled by Mr Regan. The CWS sold FE Barber,

its food manufacturing business, to Mr Regan's Hobson for £111 million in 1994. Eighteen months later Hobson was sold to Hillsdown Holdings for £121 million with Mr Regan making a £2.7 million profit from the deal.

Mr Regan re-emerged in

Lanica Trust, a Guernseymeeting in Manchester next based group, last year. After stories appeared in February month. Previously it had hinted that it was supported by ten about a possible bid by Lanica of the 300 corporate members for part of the CWS its shares of the society and these would were suspended by the Stock back a motion demanding that the CWS open negotiations with Galileo, the Lanica sub-Exchange. Talks between the Exchange and Lanica, along with Hambros, its financial sidiary that it says it will use to advisers, about an alleged breach of Exchange rules have buy CWS businesses.

However, Galileo has never made clear which businesses it wants to buy, although the suspicion is that it is interested in some of the lucrative nonfood operations such as funerals and farms.

Mr Regan was expected to put forward proposals to CWS yesterday and clarify what businesses interested him.

utive of CWS, this week said that if CWS was to sell any businesses it would sell them directly to companies interested in the operations, not "an asset-stripping middleman".

Mr Regan's approach to the CWS is likley to be the subject of an early day motion in Parliament after the election. Before the dissolution 16 Labour MPs were sponsored by the Co-operative movement and they have the support of at least a further 30 Labour candidates for a motion that would describe Mr Regan as an "asset stripper".

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## Inflation falls to lowest for two years, but short of Tory target

UNDERLYING inflation low inflation for nearly 50 dropped to its lowest level for two years in March, but left the Government just short of meeting its own inflation

The Government's favoured measure of inflation, which excludes mortgage payments. fell to an annual rate of 27 per cent in March, compared with

In spite of the Government's vow to reduce inflation to a maximum of 2.5 per cent by the time of the election. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said the figures showed that Britain is enjoying the longest period of

## Cigarettes ban sparks snap reply

THE European Court yesterday banned the sale of cut-price cigarettes by mail order in Britain (Alasdair Murray writes).

But the founders of the Enlightened Tobacco Company, which lost the case, are aiming to bounce hack with a new cut-price cigarette product. The new brand, named

241, is a cigarette with a filter in the middle that can be snapped in half to make two smaller cigarettes. ETC claims that the Goverrument will only be able to claim duty on the 20 cigarettes contained in a packet, not the 40 cigarettes that smokers will

actually get. ETC, makers of the Death cigarette brand, had appealed to the European Court against an earlier High Court ruling.

ETC set up a mail-order business in Luxembourg. supplying cigarettes at up to 40 per cent below UK prices. It argued that EU single market laws allowed agents to supply products from abroad for individual customers but this was opposed by Customs and Excise.

Headline inflation also declined, hitting an annual rate of 2.6 per cent, edging down from 2.7 per cent in February. according to data published by the Office for National

The better than expected figures helped to push the day, closing nearly a plennig higher against the mark at DM2.8102. Sterling's tradeweighted index, meanwhile, also climbed 0.3 to 100.0.

Economists said that the latest decline in inflation was a result of continuing falls in

Mild spring weather helped to lower the price of seasonal vegetables in March. Seasonal foods have now fallen in price by 15.6 per cent over the past year, the largest decline since 1983. Overall food prices have fallen 1.6 per cent in the last year, the largest fall since 1960, as food retailers have

competed on price. However, inflation rates in clothing and footwear, as well as household goods, rose sharply as retailers took advantage of growing consumer confidence to push through price increases.

Household goods inflation rose 2.5 per cent in March. pushing up the annual rate to 1.7 per cent from 0.9 per cent the previous month. Clothing and footwear prices jumped 2 per cent taking the annual rate to 1.1 per cent, from 0.5 per

cent in February. Roger Bootle, chief economist at HSBC, said that the strong pound and competition among retailers would continue to keep inflation low for the rest of the year. However, some economists are saying that interest rates will still need to rise to protect against the medium-term threat of high service-sector inflation and tentative evidence that consumers are becoming less resistant to high street price

Mr Bootle forecasts that underlying inflation will fall to 2.25 per cent by the end of the year, adding that domestic petrol prices should also fall following the decline in inter-



Engineers at Harland & Wolff assessing the damage sustained by Sea Empress

## Tanker returns as Sea Spirit

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Sea Empress, the tanker that shed more than 70,000 tonnes of oil when it ran aground last year, will set sail

again next month. Renamed Sea Spirit. the vessel will emerge from a £22 million refit — the biggest undertaken in the UK - to resume transporting oil for its Cypriot owners.

More than 2,800 tonnes of steel have gone into the the ship to repair damage done when Sea Empress became stranded off Milford Haven in

year. The giant tanker, which is the length of three football fields and can carry 130,000 tonnes of crude oil, will leave the dry dock at Belfast's Harland & Wolff shipyard by early next month. It is owned by Seatankers, who will put the ship on the spot market for hire on a voyage-by-voyage basis to take oil from fields to buyers. The name has been

the ship's operators say. Sea Empress caused an environmental disaster when South Wales in February last it ran aground. Thousands of

changed to ward off bad luck.

seabirds died and the shellfish industry had to be suspended. The Environment Agency is considering a prosecution of the Department of Transport and Millord Haven port authority for alleged mishan-

dling of the accident. Harland & Wolff began the massive repair last August. The contract helped the struggling shipyard, which this month announced job cuts, to declare its first profit for many years this year.

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## 241 challenge, page 28 HoF chiefs put their jobs on the line



Coleman: making changes

By JASON NISSÉ

THE chairman and chief executive of House of Fraser yesterday vowed to resign if they failed to restore the fortunes of the ailing department stores company

by the end of the year. Brian McGowan, the chairman, said he would "fall on his sword" and leave without compensation if the initiatives put in place by John Coleman, brought in as chief executive last year, did not work.

These include the launch of a new own brand, due to be unveiled in July, which Mr Coleman said would provide a confident designer image at affordable prices," as well as low-cost refits of stores and streamlining management, which will cut 1,000 of the 8,600 employees. "By this summer we will have cleaned our act up," Mr Coleman said.

Mr McGowan also vowed there would be no more exceptional write-offs after £53.2 million of exceptional losses plunged the group to a £38.4 million loss for the year to January 25. Like-for-like sales rose 15.8 per cent in concessions but only by 2.5 per cent in the part of the stores

for which Fraser was entirely responsible. The pre-exceptional profit showed an increase of just £500,000. The loss per share was 11.9p against a 5p profit and a final dividend of 3.8p. payable on July 1. leaves an unchanged 5.5p for the year.

Mr Coleman said the company had no plans to dispose of more stores, after withdrawing from Eastbourne, Scun-thorpe and Sheffield. He said Fraser was close to selling one of these stores and talks were progressing on the other two.

The low cost refurbishment of four stores, costing between £10 per square foot and £20 per square foot, will be rolled out in another 15 stores if it is successful. Mr Coleman said he would also change the mix of products in the department

stores to reflect the different demographics of the customers. The shares rose '2 p to 165p on the figures.

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## Grenfell still pays former directors

By Robert Miller, banking correspondent

FOUR senior Morgan Grenfell directors who were dismissed after the Peter Young affair remain on the fund manager's payroll.

Last October Morgan Grenfell said that it had dismissed five directors after an internal investigation carried out with the assistance of Ernst & Young, the accountant. It was understood that they had severed all links with the company.

However, inquiries by The Times have established that Keith Percy, chief executive of Morgan Grenfell Asset Management: Graham Kane, maning director of the unit trust arm; Glyn Owen, chief investment officer for the firm's international funds, including the two European trusts run by Mr Young: and Michael Wheatley, the compliance director, continue to receive their

basic monthly salaries. In 1995 Mr Percy earned a total remuneration package of around £1.2 million, of which more than half was made up

A spokesman for Morgan Grenfell said: "These directors left under the terms of their contracts. This means that they will be paid their basic salary during the notice period."

Most senior Morgan Grenfell directors are on a one-year notice period.

When asked whether Morgan Grenfell was paying the legal fees of the directors while their role in supervising Mr Young's management of two European unit trusts is under investigation, the spokesman replied: "We do not discuss personal matters."

This week Imro, the watch dog for fund managers, fined Morgan Grenfell a record £2 million with £1 million in costs for a series of rule breaches by unit trusts managed by Peter

Young.
The Imro inquiry into the role of executive responsibility in monitoring Mr Young's management of the funds is being carried out by Dibb Lupton Alsop, the watchdog's

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## Pension pressure

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The Treasury is coming under pressure to repay hundreds of millions of pounds of surpluses removed nom occu pension schemes when the companies that ran them were privatised. Page 26

## Fishing around

The new chief executive of Albert Fisher drew up a list of changes the poorly performing food company needs to make five years after it began its attempted turnround. Page 27

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## **BBA** plea on banks directive

The British Bankers' Asso ciation has called for swift implementation of amendments to a European directive on the amount of capital that banks should set aside to cover risk exposure to loans and market trad-ing positions. The European Commis-

sion has formally adopted a proposal to amend the Capital Adequacy Direc-tive 1993, which will bring EU laws on supervision into line with the more international rules amended recently by the Bank of International Settlements.

Once the European amendments become law the Bank of England and the Securities and Futures Authority will issue their own guidance on the level of the capital they expect to be posted by UK banks and trading houses to cover different types of risk.

#### Action ahead

Action Computer Supplies is paying a maiden interim dividend of lp a share after lifting pre-tax profits 61 per cent to £2.3 million in the six months to February 28. Earnings rose to 4.3p a share from 3.8p. The dividend is due June 17.

#### **Boot better**

Henry Boot, the construction and property group, lifted pre-tax profits to £9.39 million (£8.69 mil-lion) over 1996. Earnings were 25.1p (23.6p) a share. A final dividend of 5.9p. payable on June 6, lifts the total to 8p (7.47p).

#### Guiton up

Guiton Group, which publishes the Jersey Evening Post, lifted pre-tax profits 13 per cent to £3.95 million in 1996. Earnings rose to 13.6p a share (11.6p). A final dividend of 284p lifts the total to 4.66p from 4.24p.

#### Out of bid

British Energy, the nuclear generator, has withdrawn from a consortium that is bidding for the coal-fired Loy Yang A power station in Australia. which is valued at more than A\$4 billion (about £2



Ball winner: Doug Ellis, centre, gets stuck in yesterday against Mark Ansell, finance director, left, and Steven Stride, company secretary

## Treasury urged to repay pension fund millions

THE Treasury is under mounting pressure to repay hundreds of millions of pounds of surpluses removed from occupational pension schemes when the associated companies were privatised.

The case load of Julian Farrand, the Pensions Ombudsman, has been growing in recent months after a number of separate rulings in which he has found that pension fund surpluses should be returned for the benefit of more than Subject to legal challenges to

By Carl Mortished

CHESTERTON Internation-

al, the surveying firm that found a £1.4 million hole in its

accounts last year, has hired a

chief executive from outside

Chesterton has appointed

Michael Holmes, a former

director of Rentokil, the pest

control and office cleaning

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Dr Farrand's rulings, taxpayers or customers of the privatised entities may have to foot the bill to restore the money to the pension funds in question.

Two rulings in particular, on the National Bus Company pension fund and the National Power part of the Electricity Supply Pension Scheme, have sparked a rush of new complaints to Dr Farrand.

The handling of pension fund surpluses was highlighted yesterday when Bill Morris. general secretary of the Transport and General Workers'

Chesterton names new chief

Chesterton board, but will

Sir William Wells, chair-

man, said: "Surveyors are

very good at doing their job.

but they are not very good at

Chesterton had a first-half

pre-tax loss of E3.3 million,

against a £2 million deficit last

time. Reorganisation charges

months to December, including

£500,000 in redundancy costs.

E2.2 million in the six

managing businesses

remain with the company.

Union, called for "straight answers about the Government's Maxwell-style theft of bus pensioners' money". Mr Morris said that the

Treasury should "pay back the £168 million surplus ... lifted from the pension fund when the National Bus Company was privatised in 1986". He said that the Government, by removing that sum, had deprived 40,000 pensioners of about £1,000 a year.

A number of Dr Farrand's

rulings are expected to be challenged in the courts, in-

The charges also include an ESI5,000 write-down of work

in progress and £395,000 for

an accountant's review of the

management reporting sys-tems. The interim dividend is

Sir William said he was

satisfied that management

problems had been resolved.

Chesterton is changing its year end from June to March.

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unchanged at ip.

cluding his decision on the former National Bus scheme. The pension fund and the company where wound up in 1990-91, when the Department of Transport took over residual assets and the liabilities.

Last September Dr Farrand directed the trustees "to take, without delay, all practicable steps to obtain the return of monies paid from the scheme's funds in breach of trust", plus interest.

The National Bus case is to come to court this year. The Government will pay the legal costs to challenge its liability. ITN has won a High Court move to overturn a decision by the Pensions Ombudsman on guaranteed rises in pensions. Members of the ITN pension scheme have been in a twoyear battle over the television company's decision to cut pension benefits. About 300 members claimed that ITN had guaranteed to increase their pensions by 4 per cent a year or by inflation, whichever was more. ITN disputed this, and the case went to the ombudsman. He had decided that the scheme promised guaranteed rises based on contributions

## Villa float will make Ellis £4m

By JASON NISSÉ

DOUG ELLIS, Aston Villa's 73-year-old chairman. said vesterday that he has no intention of retiring nor has he considered any successor in spite of realising £4 million from the Premiership football dub's £125 million flotation.

Villa is raising £20 million. Mr Ellis is cutting his stake to 33.4 per cent, valued at £42.1 million. The rest of the money raised is earmarked for improvements at the club's Villa Park ground. Villa is spending £6 million immediately on executive boxes and other

improvements. As second development, to increase capacity to 50,000 at the cost of £11.4 million, is due to start next summer. Meanwhile, the remaining £10 million raised from the float will

be used to buy players. Villa is predicting an oper ating profit of £5 million this year, a fall of £864,000, largely because of the team's poor showing in cup competitions. It has recently signed nine players on long-term contracts, which will increase the wage bill by £2 million to £9.7 million this year and by another £700,000 next year. A quarter of the issue is reserved for private investors. Minimum application is £440.

## Tax Team to double in size THE Tax Team, the chain of

"tax shops", plans to double its network to 27 offices by the end of the year after its acquisition by H&R Block of America. Gerry Hart, managing director, said the company was

seeking to expand its operations in Bristol, Edinburgh, Leeds and London via a combination of new franchises and company-owned offices. Based in Kansas City, Mis-

made before October 19, 1979.

souri, H&R Block is the leading preparer of individual tax returns in the US, with 14.9 million clients last year. It would not disclose how much it had paid for The Tax Tenm but said it was talking to other accountancy firms in the UK. Its move comes after last week's Inland Revenue introduction of self-assessment.

# 1996 ANNUAL RESULTS

ANOTHER RECORD YEAR four ended 31st December 1996

£162.1m £179.2m Operating profit £9.2m £7,5m Profit before tax £9.4m £8.7m Earnings per share 25.1p 23.бр Dividends per share 8.0p 7.5p Net assets per share 214p 198p

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#### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## Peugeot blames price war for sharp fall

PEUGEOT, the French carmaker, blamed a price war in its domestic market for a 57 per cent fall in profits last year. A restructuring programme is to cut 1,200 jobs, but the plant in Coventry will not be affected. Jacques Calvet, chairman, said that competitive discounting would continue this year with the cities of a lettern butter lusses were expected in the no sign of a let-up. Further losses were expected in the European car industry, he said.

M Calvet added: "The price war was the main feature of 1996. European carmakers all reported sharp earnings declines. Renault and Ford Europe posted losses. Peugeors profit was cut by more than half and Fiat's operating margin fell by two thirds." Peugeot profits are falling in spite of last year's 10.5 per cent jump in French car sales. The group reported net profits of £75 million (£170 million) and pre-tax profits of £100 million (£240 million).

## Pizza chain stake cut

LUKE JOHNSON, founder of Pizza Express, has capitalised on the pizza chain's surging share price by selling a fifth of his stake for El million. Mr Johnson, who recently said his biggest regret was not owning more of the company, will be left with a 0.89 per cent holding. He sold for 670p per share, against the 20p a share cost of buying the cash shell that became the foundation of the group. The shares, which have doubled in the past nine months alone, eased 2p to 671p yesterday.

## Norwich vote today

ABOUT 1,000 members of Norwich Union are expected to attend today's extraordinary meeting at the London Arena to vote on the mutual life insurer's plans for a stock market flotation. A total of 2.9 million members are eligible to vote on plans for the 200-year-old insurer to become a public limited company. Norwich Union needs a 75 per cent vote in favour in order to press ahead with its plans for a stock market listing in June.

## Discounts hit Smurfit

DISCOUNTING in containerboard prices continued to take its toll on earnings at Jefferson Smurfit Corporation (JSC), the US company that is 46.5 per cent owned by the Jefferson Smurfit paper group. JSC suffered a net loss of \$7 million or 6 cents a share in the first quarter, compared with a net profit of \$53 million or 48 cents a share for the same period last year. Sales slipped to \$778 million, down from \$916 million in the first quarter of 1996.

## EMI's former HQ sold

THE former headquarters of EMI, where the Beatles signed their earliest record deals, has been sold to Conrad Ritblat, the property group, for £10 million. The property, in London's Manchester Square, was owned by Prudential and had been empty for nine months after newly demerged EMI moved to neighbouring Oxford Street. It is the second-largest transaction the property group has undertaken and will be funded through a 33-for-100 placing and open offer at 245p.

## **BATM advances 12%**

BATM, the Israeli manufacturer of data processing equipment that floated on the Alternative Investment Market last July, reported a 12.7 per cent rise in pre-tax profit to \$3.06 million from \$2.74 million for the year to December 31. Turnover rose 28 per cent to \$9.75 million (\$7.62 million). Earnings per share fell to 10.59 cents (10.73 cents). The company plans to use the £8 million raised from its flotation to buy a US distribution business. Its maiden and total dividend of 5 cents is due on June 16.

## British Building in talks

BRITISH Building and Engineering Appliances, the building materials and services company, confirmed that it is in talks with Britannia Group, the construction company, that may lead to an offer for the company. British Building, after disposals, has manufacturing, hire service and housebuilding businesses. It made a profit for the first time in two years in its half to December 31, with a pre-tax £24,000 (£1.3 million loss). Earnings were 0.5p a share (10.9p loss). There is again no interim dividend.

## Matthew Hall writ

MATTHEW HALL, the engineering arm of the Amec construction group, is claiming £12.1 million plus interest from George Wimpey because of a dispute over the Centre for Deep Sea Oceanography in Southampton. Matthew Hall claims it is owed money for work done and materials supplied on the development. Although its writ names Tarmac Construction, which took over Wimpey's contracting business last year, liability in the dispute was retained by Wimpey.

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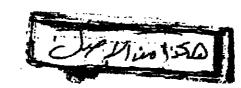
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# Operating Profit Up · Record Pre-Tax Profit Up

☐ Co-op allegations cloud Lanica purchase ☐ Tale of two property companies ☐ Whither for Alan Sugar and Amstrad?

To the Devil his due

☐ IF the purchase of large swaths of the Co-operative movement by a souped-up 1980s-style wheeler-dealer looked implausible yesterday morning, it looked the closest thing to downright impossible by the after-noon. Andrew Regan was already being depicted by the Co-op management as a man in league with the David of the

league with the Devil; if the allegations about his relationship with two of its apparent stalwarts are even remotely true, members will be inclined to issue him with the full horns and tail. Ever since the intentions of Mr

Regan's Lanica Trust, and its Galileo vehicle, towards the Coop became known, there has always been a suspicion that he had some edge that no one had yet spotted, some key that would gain him entry to the sealed room and let him makeaway with the valuables. This impression was heightened, it must be said, by those few of his advisers prepared to speak.

The hints were that there was indeed some such angle. Can't say what, give the lad time, something up his sleeve, you'll see. Was he going straight to the members for grass roots support for change at the top? Difficult but not impossible under the Co-op's structure of executives who are delegated power by those members. Something like that, really can't say, was the only reply.

If the allegations made by the co-op are true, then at least one dvantage Mr Regan had was has been thrown on the value of Co-op are true, then at least one advantage Mr Regan had was access to inside information. And if that is the case, then suborning two top executives will endear him even less to those members

and reinforce his image as a City

spiv. End of bid - finally. Now

get lost, and take your battered

reputation with you. And if so, there is no reason for the continued suspension of Lanica shares. The Stock Exchange should insist on the relevant information from the company to allow trading to restart, so those of his backers who have lost faith with Mr Regan can get out. If the share price tumbles, it will only be back to where it should have

been all along. But while Mr Regan may have played his cards appallingly, from the first leak of his intentions through the months of silence interspersed with nods and winks, the legacy of the affair may not be entirely negative. Things at the Co-op will never be the same, and they can

the Co-op Bank and its quality customer base. Members have been woken up to the under-performance of much of the

retail business. Pressure for change and demutualisation will come from them. There are two possibilities. Either the Co-op's existing management will find the ability to shake up the business itself. Or someone rather more acceptable to the spirit of the Co-op movement will make a more tactful approach to do the job, and be welcomed this time.

#### Chesterton looks to new Holmes

☐ EXTRAORDINARY how those professionals paid small fortunes to order our affairs are so spectacularly awful at ordering their own. Accountants and solicitors are notoriously bad at managing their businesses, while the rebirth of the housing only improve. The merger be-tween the retail and wholesale moment too early for the nation's

## **PENNINGTON**



estate agents. Many have made a pig's ear of their own property needs, committed themselves to huge rental bills on outlets that are no longer pulling in the fees.

The housing upturn has come too late, alas, for Chesterton international, owner of some rather posh estate agents, or those investors asked to put up for new shares at 78p six months before the company found that some £1.4 million of profits were

under offer elsewhere.
The black hole turned up by the accountants cost the chief executive his job in September, and yesterday his replacement arrived to continue the clearout and the one-off writedowns. Chestertons, which had managed to cram 13 people into the

boardroom without any of them noticing anything was wrong, will now have to rub along with a mere nine directors.

The fund-raising a year ago was to buy back for a song its old chain of estate agents, sold II years ago to the Pru as part of the latter's via dolorosa through property services. This looks a shrewd move, given the progress of the housing market since, as does diversification into other areas of consultancy work.

But it is the provenance of the new chief executive that gives the game away. He joins from Rentokil. There is a load of guff about Michael Holmes's experience in the construction industry, blah, blah, but he is a ratcatcher, from a company well respected for its rat-catching skills. Management expertise

will out, it seems.

Just look across to another part of the property jungle and Conrad Ritblat, the side annexe of John Ritblat of British Land fame, with a £10 million purchase and an upbeat trading statement, Mr Ritblat has cleverly been building up the property assets to reduce reliance on

estate agency. He may know plenty about property, but Mr Ritblat also knows a thing or two about running companies.

#### Cash is the question

THIS morning the share-holders of Amstrad will turn up at an extraordinary general meeting and, unless they suffer a collective attack of stupidity, vote to approve the group's 192 million sale of its mobile phone business, Dancall. As Alan Sugar put it, Bosch made an offer he could hardly refuse. But his other comments about find. his other comments, about finding a tax-efficient way of returning the money to shareholders, are sounding hollow. Amstrad shareholders, of which Sugar is

the biggest, wait in vain.

Having had 2 good look at
Amstrad, the Stock Exchange
has decided it does not breach the listing requirements which forbid companies with only cash from maintaining a quote. The Exchange believes that Amstrad still has a substantial business, but the market appears to disagree. The simple fact is that there is little more than cash in Amstrad. After this deal the company will have more than £220 million of dosh against a market capitali-sation of £256 million. It has a 60 per cent stake in Betacom, which owns the original Amstrad businesses, worth £31 million. This means Amstrad's other asset, the Viglen personal computer business, is valued at buttons despite sales of £118 million.

In attempting to return the cash to shareholders, Sugar is approaching this from the wrong angle. He should liquidate the company, so for one share in Amstrad investors would receive a share in Viglen, two thirds of a share in Betacom and a lot of cash. This would allow Sugar to concentrate on making money out of Tottenham Hotspur, which is what he is good at.

#### Sea change

THE spirit of Windscale is alive and well. Younger readers may need reminding that Windscale is what Sellafield used to be called before the image consultants decided the name cast a bit of a pall when it came to booking day trips around the facility, and changed it. Now Sea Empress is relaunched as Sea Spirit, God bless her, and can safely go back to the South Wales coast again.

## Fisher must change ways, says England

NEIL ENGLAND, the new chief executive of Albert Fisher. has outlined a host of changes the poorly performing food company still needs to make, nearly five years after it began its attempted turnround. Mr England, who joined

from the Mars confectionery group in November, said Fisher had underinvested in its workforce, including management. The company needs to modernise the management of its factories and to improve productivity. He said it needs to make better use of new product ideas and to take the initiative in advising supermarkets how to display its products. He also wants to extend the use of the Fisher brand throughout the group.

Mr England said his comments are not intended as a criticism of the past, but a change of focus. Stephen Walls, chairman, said that since he took over in July 1992 Fisher had sold 60 per cent of its businesses as it moved away from commodity foods into higher-margin areas.

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Mr England has ordered a "management audit" as part of a group-wide training initiative. He wants to set written

objectives for every employee. Mr Walls said Fisher had a good half in the six months to February 28, increasing underlying pre-tax profits from E18.8 million to £19.1 million. "Clean" earnings rose 5 per cent to 1.97p a share. Mr Walls said he was "absolutely delighted" not to have to report further exceptional losses and write-offs.

The strong pound cost Fisher £1.3 million in profits. Sales of the continuing business fell slightly to £588.4 million, but would have been £30 million higher if sterling had remained unchanged. The company also had to overcome the devastation" of its Dutch cockle beds by last year's severe winter. and the collapse in potato and other vegetable prices.

Fisher is again paying an interim dividend of 1.85p, due on July 4.

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## **Approval** for C&W venture

By Eric Reguly

SHAREHOLDERS in Cable and Wireless have approved the formation of Cable and Wireless Communications, a E5 billion phone and cable company that will emerge as British Telecom's biggest competitor.

CWC is to be created by the

merger of Mercury Communications, which is 80 per cent owned by C&W, and the Nynex, Bell CableMedia and Videotron cable companies. C&W will own 52.6 per cent of CWC, whose shares are to begin trading at the end of the month on the London and New York stock exchanges.

The new company will start with I.1 million cablerelephony customers, 580,000 cable-TV customers and proforma turnover of £1.9 billion, based on year-end figures. Dick Brown, C&W's chief executive, said that CWC would grow by expanding its cable networks and through acquisitions. Several medium-size cable companies, including General Cable, are thought to be on its shopping list.

## Japanese link for Tie Rack

By Fraser Nelson

TIE RACK, the ties to luggage retailer, is setting up a E9 million joint venture in Japan with Fujita, the Japanese retailing group.

The company, which has been testing the Japanese market for almost two years, plans to open ten shops in the country by the end of the year. Nigel McGinley, chief executive, said: "Japan is an extremely expensive market

to operate in. but we're not expecting high returns in the short term. Fujita, which owns 50 per cent of the Japanese operations of McDonald's and 20 per cent

of the country's Toys R Us business, has been running 27 Tie Rack shops under licence. Tie Rack lifted pre-tax profits 11 per cent to £8.79 million in the 12 months to February 2. It opened 36 shops over the year, bringing the total to 415. It now runs 21 airport concessions in 11 countries. Earnings were 10.73p (9.87p) a share. and the dividend rises to 3.35p (2.75p). A final 2.75p is payable on July 29.

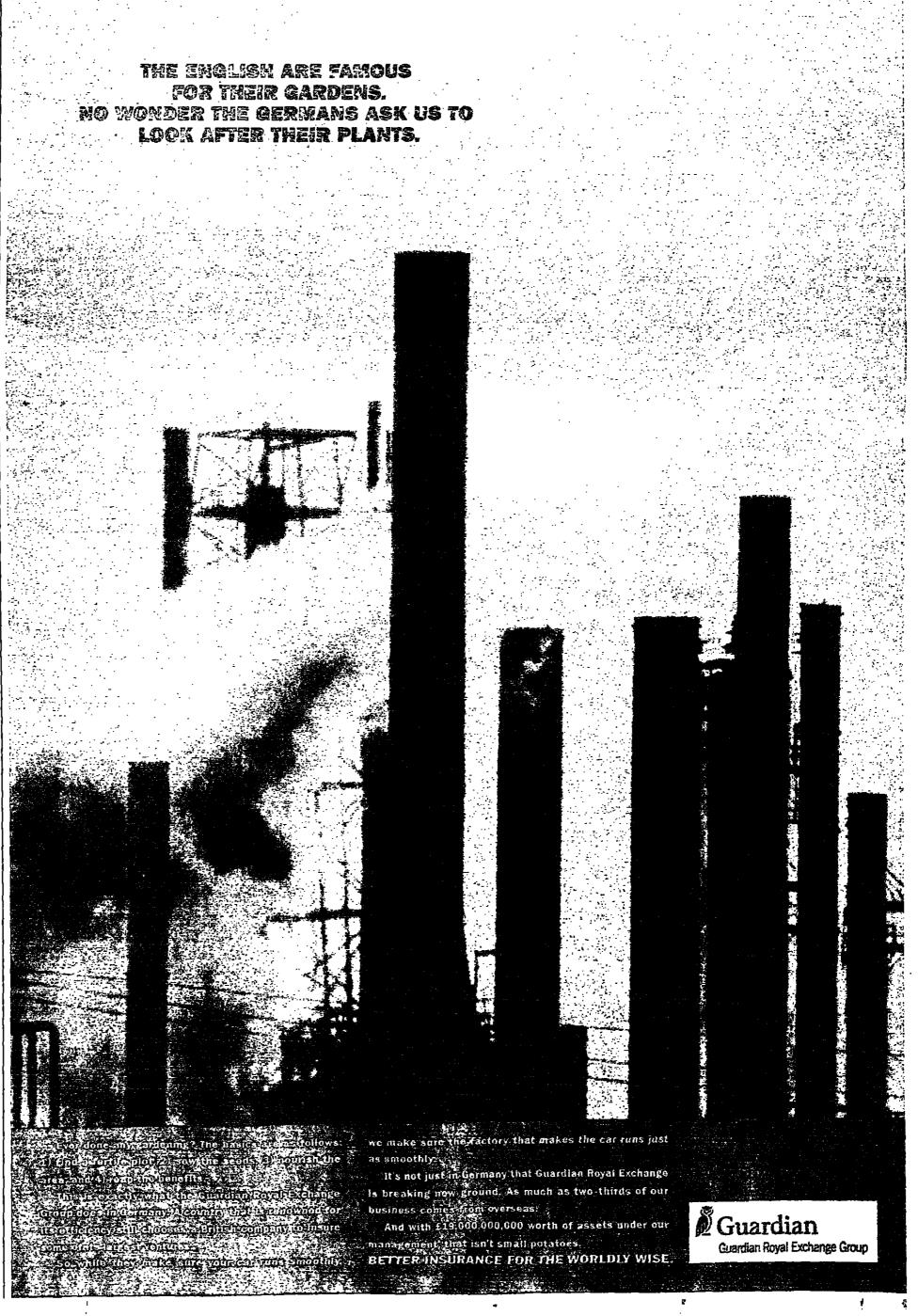
## Prudential sales point to savings slowdown

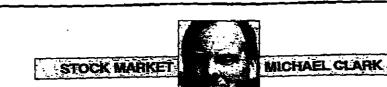
SIGNS that recent strong growth in the British savings market is flattening emerged yesterday when the Prudential reported sales of single-premium products rising by just 2 per cent to £885 million in the first quarter of the year [Mari-

anne Curphey writes). The market leader was helped, however, by buoyant sales of savings products in the US and Asia. These pushed Prudential's worldwide single-premium sales up 22 per cent to £1.8 billion in the as "the man from the Pru".

first quarter. Prudential is the biggest name in UK pensions. and the first-quarter figures are widely regarded as an industry barometer. Regularpremium products in the UK were more buoyant, up 18 per cent to £84 million. The figures come just two

months after Prudential launched a £20 million advertising campaign to modernise its image. A series of TV commercials feature Sir Peter Davis, group chief executive,





## Klondike mood likely on bids for A&L shares

THE Square Mile is likely to resemble the Klondike today when City institutions start bidding for stock in the Alli-ance & Leicester Building Society before next week's

It looks as though institu-tional demand for the shares will be much higher than originally expected. Cazenove. the broker, said this week that A&L members had opted to sell almost 27 per cent per cent of their shares.

These will be offered in a series of auctions, starting today. It had been thought the bidding would start at about the 480p level, but that figure was being revised upwards last night. Other brokers are claiming that if fund managers hope to succeed they may have to pitch their offers as high as 520p a share. Demand is likely to be such that a second or third auction may

prove unnecessary. The real winners will be the Alliance & Leicester members, who have each been allocated 250 free shares and now stand to enjoy a windfall worth about £1,300.

Share prices generally greeted news of the drop in the March inflation figure, which should be enough to limit the expected rise in interest rates after the general election to a quarter point. But the market failed to capitalise on it, not helped by a cautious start to trading in New York. The FT-SE 100 index touched 4.312.3 before seeing its lead cut to just 4.3 points at 4,298.9 by the close. Once again, trading was thin, with just 687 million

shares changing hands.

Lucas Varity fell 3p to 1932 p as it began the first stage of its proposed share buyback. ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker acting for the Anglo-American automotive components group, is thought to have attempted to pick up a total of ten million shares, or less than I per cent of the issued capital, at 198p. A total of 14 million had traded by the close. LucasVarity has shareholder permission to buy up to 42.5 million shares. Earlier dividend but promised to enhance shareholder value.

There was a crumb of comfort for Michael Green, chief executive of Cariton Communications, as he recovered from a mugging. A "buy" recommendation from Morgan Stanley lifted Carlton 22p to 5282p. The US securi-

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Stephen Walls, chairman of Albert Fisher, left, and Neil England, chief executive, saw the share price soften

ties house is excited by the group's involvement in British Digital Broadcasting, which is bidding for a terrestrial licence. It says this would provide strong profits growth

well into the next century. National Grid was another firm market, finishing 4½p higher at 222½p with the help positive comments from Goldman Sachs. Redland fell it in the red to the tune of £38.4 million. The shares finished

2p firmer at 165p. The latest drop in inflation prompted selective support for the other retailers. Kingfisher rose 13½ p to 670p, Boots 10½ p to 696½ p, Blacks Leisure

142p to 475p, Next 202p to 648p, and Wickes 6p to 1552p. JJB Sports continued to reflect on this week's bumper

Keep an eye on Electrophoretics International which is developing a treatment to prevent the rejection of organs after transplant. The rump of shares from recent fundraising was placed at 40p. After hitting a peak of 50p, the price closed 2p down at 43 2p terday as Panmure Gordon, the broker, urged clients to "buy".

5p to 3372 p as a large line of stock came on offer at a discount to the ruling price. A total of 4.46 million shares were offered at 333p, with 3.8 million sold on at 3332 p.

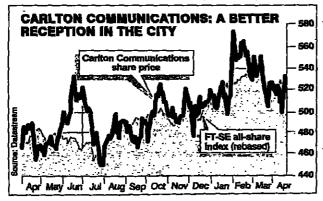
Full-year figures from House of Fraser bore the scars of reconstruction, but were broadly in line with what brokers had been looking for.

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figures and subsequent profit upgrades by brokers with a rise of 23p at 452p. David Whelan, founder and chairman, has denied suggestion he plans to sell out of the company although he may sell part of his 30 per cent stake.

It follows reports that he wanted to sell part of his stake to fund the building of a EI5 Provisions of £53.2 million left million stadium for Wigan

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Athletic, which has been promoted to Division Two of the Football League.

Half-year figures from Al-bert Fisher, the fruit and egetable distributor, were bang in line with brokers' forecasts. There had been suggestions Stephen Walls, the chairman, had contemplated cutting the dividend. In the event, it was held at 1.85p. The price softened 4 p to 42 2 p. Luke Johnson, a former City

stockbroker, has been busy adding to his growing fortune by cashing in shares at PizzaExpress. He has raised El million with the sale of 150.000 at 670p. It reduces his stake to \$88,000 shares, or 0.89 per cent. The price closed 12 p heaper at 67lp. Intercare continued to ben-

efit from recent share purchases by the board with a rise of 5p at 8212p. Wise Speke, the broker, has been recommend-

ing them to clients.

Profit-taking left Cortecs
International 6½p easier at 273 p. Nomura, the Japanese securities house, has set a target price for the shares of High-flying Biocompatibles touched £14.32½ before closing just 5p dearer at £13.65. On Wednesday, a total of 5 million shares were placed by Merrill Lynch and Kleinwort Benson at

Suggestions that Mackie International, the engineer, may be about to hit the acquisition trial left it nursing a fall of 13p at 1132p.

GILT-EDGED: The drop

in inflation produced a new lease of life for the London bond market, with prices chased higher in thin trading. Sentiment was also underpinned by a firm start for US Treasury bonds.

As expected the Bank of England has decided to issue a further "tap" consisting of £200 million of Index-Linked Treasury 25 per cent 2013.

in the futures pit, the June series of the Long Gilt put on £13 32 at £110/32 as the number of contracts completed reached 70,000. in longs, Treasury 8 per cent

£1032132, while in shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £18 better at £1022732. trading as the Dow Jones industrial average extended its rally to a fourth day. At midday, the index was 19.27 points to 6,699.14.

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## MAJOR CHANGES

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## **TEMPUS**

## Bad road-holding

THE French are keeping their old bangers on the road for yet another year, and this bodes ill for Europe's motor industry. The car market in France matches the recessionwracked and subsidy-ridden economy, but Peugeot-Citroën's results were even worse than expected, with the operating margin cut

to 1 per cent on sales of Fr172 billion. A price war and severe discounting is the problem, but the company must expect a further squeeze as it forecasts a shrinkage of 12 per cent in the home market. French car sales had been propped up by an incentive scheme whereby the Government subsidised the tradein of old models, boosting volumes by some 15 per cent. In hindsight, a reduction in car sales of 12 per cent is the best that could be expected

given the abandonment of subsidy. European car sales should rise by about 2

per cent this year, with gains in Britain and Germany, but component manufacturers will suffer from the continuing French slump. The move to just-in-time delivery and dedicated plants means that worldwide component makers, like Lucas Varity and T&N, could see marginal gains from growth across Europe wiped out. Component plants in France will have to absorb volume and margin reductions if the French domestic motor industry cuts capacity. Lucas Varity could suffer a particularly hard knock in diesel engines because of the

huge market in France for diesel cars. The motor sector is used to volatility, but French weakness as the rest of Europe recovers could have the useful effect of smoothing the European automotive industry cycle. This is a weak argument for subsidies, but the sector

needs small mercies.

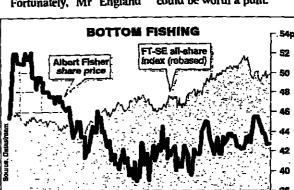
last annual report said noth-ing of windfalls. Albert Fisher

THE yield on Albert Fisher More telling is commenshares, of about 11 per cent. is tary from the new chief testimony to the market's distrust of the food company. For once, there were no exceptional items to mar the interim results, which appeared to show 5 per cent erowth in earnings per management share. Unfortunately, even

executive. Neil England, who reels off a critique of undermanagement in the company, neglect of staff training, low productivity and hierarchical factory

Fortunately, Mr England

has no plans for deals, but there must be questions about the dividend payout ratio when Stephen Walls, the chairman, goes part-time later this year. Either way, at 42'2p, downside risks look modest. If Mr England is as effective as he sounds, Fisher's dismal performance may be nearing its end and Fisher could be worth a punt.



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#### House of Fraser

this modest achievement is

Profits from Fisher's con-

tinuing business were 14 per

cent down: the improvement

came from a lower interest

bill and a £2.6 million turn-

around in the North Ameri-

can distribution business.

sold last November. Mean-

while, Fisher reckons that

frozen food is performing

well in spite of a £2.5 million

profit decline; the previous

year, it says, benefited from a "windfall profit" because of

warm weather, although the

HOUSE of Fraser tried to put a brave face on its results yesterday, making much of improved trading at its Leeds store, But shareholders should not assume that an expensive refit of a store in a town undergoing a retail renaissance is any guide to

the fortunes of the group. Everything hinges on the success of this autumn's trading under the new buying policy. Market share and sales growth are almost irrelevant -- what House of

Fraser needs to show is signs that it can sell goods at full market price. Last year gross profit margins were fractionally ahead at 31.5 per cent, evidence that a lot of the stock was still being heavily discounted. Another shocking statistic is stock writedowns of £24 mil-

lion, against a year-end stock

position of £81 million, How-

ever, House of Fraser's need

for a buying policy that works has not led to a simple

more than a tenth of the company's total assets, and at knows what will be taken out or put back in the pot.

policy. The company now wants to adjust stocks to the

demographic shape of the

market for each store - a

policy that sounds expensive

and complicated for a com-

pany that suffered supply

it almost impossible to fore-

cast House of Fraser's prof-

its. The total charge for

provisions in the House of

Fraser balance sheet is now

Heavy provisioning makes

chain problems.

Aston Villa THOSE who say that Aston Villa has missed the boat are taking a short-term view. Sure, Villa is issuing shares at Ell each when it could have sold them for E13 or E14

only months ago. Villa's timing is only poor in that it follows Newcastle United. There are great simi-

larities between the clubs.

Both are serious Premiership contenders, likely to be in Europe next season. Both are dominated by an ageing patriarch who is making money

out of the float. But there are substantial differences. Doug Ellis, Villa's 73-year-old chairman. has not brought in a management team to run the club. preferring to centralise control. Any health problems for Ellis, who looks pretty fit to be fair, would create a worrying vacuum.

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On the other hand Ellis has delivered to the market a substantial club which stands or falls on its current finances, and is not dependent on future income from pay-per-view TV. That leaves a valuation of five times projected turnover and nearly 50 times after tax profits. For a real company this would look expensive. For a football command a high premium, it looks like good value.

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## **DOLLAR RATES**

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#### Bowe upsets Abbott

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COLETTE Bowe, PIA chief executive, has incurred the wrath of Diane Abbott, who has accused her of misleading the Trea-sury Select Committee. Abbott, a member of Labour's National Executive Committee, says she was delib-erately given the wrong impression last month over the PIA's handling of the pensions transfer review. She accused Bowe of ingratiating herself with members of the Labour Party ahead of its plans to merge the PlA, Imro, and SFA, into a Super-SIB "Bowe is a clever woman, perhaps too clever by half," she hissed. "She has been trying to ingratiate herself into a job in any new regulatory structure, but it will be over my dead body."



Diane Abbott claims a

#### Villa windfall

EYEBROWS were raised this week when an elderly lady walked into the Birmingham offices of Albert E Sharp. The kind brokers gave her a seat and offered her a cup of tea. "Are these worth anything?" she said, waving a handful of Aston Villa share certificates gingerly in the air. The dear out £1.3 million richer, and a little less stooped.

## **Imro bonuses**

IMRO, the financial regulator, was totting up sweeteners yesterday, but these ones were to be distributed among its own staff. They are said to be leaving in their droves because of uncertainty over the future of the regulatory structure. Desperate to hold onto staff, the one-off bonuses were calculated at 30 per cent of the total annual pay roll. Only 24 hours after the regulator for fund managers slapped a £2 million fine on Morgan Grenfell, Imro has managed to match that figure with its own bonuses.

THE RSPCA was called to Broadgate Arena yesterday. No, not to wrestle with those bears at Lehman Brothers but to weed out two ducks and their family from their home in the Square Mile.

## **Back-pedalling**

JOHN COLEMAN, chief executive at House of Fraser, is worried that he might be dubbed the new Gerald Ratner. Explaining yesterday that the group still hadn't received delivery of some of the large amounts of slow-selling stock that Fraser is having to discount at one fifth of the expected price, he was asked whether the group had contracted to buy rubbish. "Essentially, yes," he said, then started backpedalling. The product was bought with the best of intentions, it is just inappropriate for our selling strategy.

## Great Turner

TIME BOOKS is publishing a grandly titled hard-back, Greatest Personalities of the 20th Century. with six portraits on the cover including Martin Luther King, Amelia Earhart. Albert Einstein and, er, Ted Turner. Not so unrealsitic when you remember that Time Books is part of the Time-Warner empire of which he is the principal shareholder.

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ECONOMIC VIEW



ANATOLE KALETSKY

# Why Blair and Major say 'wait and see' on the euro

Both leaders would join

EMU if it seemed

politically expedient

in this election campaign was reached on Wednesday when John Major was forced to acknowledge publicly that he could no longer lead his party on Europe. In deciding to make his bizarre appeal to the country over the heads of his own backbenchers and ministers. Mr Major was effectively admitting defeat in the election: he could never again command a majority in Parliament. But the tragic inevitabil-ity of the Tory defeat on May 1 is hardly worth writing about. What is more interesting about Mr Major's final humiliation is its unexpected impact on Britain's relationship with Europe

Strange as it may seem, the main consequence of Europe finally emerging as a central issue in this vapid election campaign will be to make Britain's membership of the single currency in 1999 somewhat more likely. In saying this, I am not actually predicting that Britain will join. The odds are still stacked against Britain joining, since the public remains viscerally opposed and even some businessmen are beginning to understand the economic arguments in favour of floating exchange rates (those who still don't should read Anthony Harris's brilliantly succinct exposition on this page last Wednesday). The point is, however, that the chances of Britain being dragooned into monetary union by the next government are now a good deal higher than the zero probability assigned to this event, for example, by a euters survey of bankers yesterday - or, more impor-

stincts" of John Major and Tony Blair. There is only one rational explanation for Mr Major's insistence that Britain must keep open the option to join EMU — whatever the political costs to the Tories and to himself. The Prime Minister must genuinely believe that a strong case could soon emerge

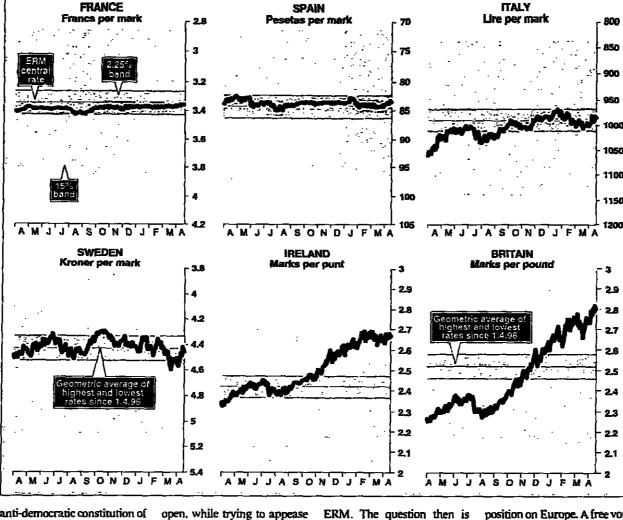
for Britain to opt into EMU.

tantly, by the spin-doctors who

claim to know the "true in-

The alternative tactical explanations simply will not wash. It is said, for example, that Mr Major had to reinforce the EMU option because otherwise Kenneth Clarke would have resigned, but two weeks before the election this is beyond belief. Equally implausible was Mr Major's own tactical explanation. To rule out the single currency, he said, would be to "send the British Prime Minister naked into the conference chamber

with nothing to negotiate". This statement is quite simply false. First there is nothing to be negotiated. All the main



SOME CURRENCIES HAVE BEEN CONVERGING, BUT OTHERS DEFINITELY HAVE NOT

the European Central Bank, the narrow definition of its objectives and the economically illiterate convergence critewere agreed five years ago in Maastricht by Mr Major himself. All that remains to be settled are the countries to be admitted to EMU, the name of the ECB's president and the precise oper-ating procedures for the conduct of monetary policy.

On the first of these issues, Britain would retain its vote even if the Government formally declared today that it had no intention of joining EMU. Indeed that is precisely what the Danish Government did last year. As for decisions on the detailed operations of the central bank and its senior appointments, these will only be taken by the countries that join EMU after they join. To have any influence on the ECB, therefore, Britain would have to adopt the single currency. No additional influence would be achieved merely by

keeping the option open. Why then does Mr Major insist on his "wait and see" position? And why does Mr Blair agree? It must be because they want the freedom actually to join EMU in 1999 if

this seems expedient.

The trouble is that everything in both Mr Major's and Mr Blair's records suggests that the decision on EMU - if the option to join remains will be taken on the basis of short-term political expediency rather than on the constitutional and economic principles underlying this gigantic experiment.

This brings us to the man who will actually take the decision - Tony Blair. Like Mr Major, the Labour leader has parameters of EMU - the insisted on keeping his options

Eurosceptics - in his case, with a mantra about "formidable obstacles to Britain joining in 1999". Mr Blair's minders have hinted strongly that the "formidable obstacles" are in fact insurmountable. Effectively, they say, there is no prospect of Labour joining the single currency in 1999. But like Mr Major's strange re-mark about nudity in the EU negotiating chambers, Lab-our's claim about formidable obstacles is simply untrue.

n terms of the Maastricht criteria, Britain will easipass muster on the public borrowing to GDP will both be lower than Germany's, while the public debt, the rate of inflation and the level of long-term interest rates will all be comfortably within the Maastricht limits. There is, in fact, only one formal obstacle to Britain joining the single currency in 1999. This obstacle the instability of sterling is hugely important from a business and economic standpoint, but is rather puny from a legalistic point of view. In theory, Maastricht requires the currency of any country applying to join EMU to respect the normal fluctuation margins provided by the exchange-rate mechanism without severe tensions for at least the last two years before the examination". If this requirement were taken literally. British membership in 1999 would be ruled out, since ster-

ling is not even in the ERM. It seems increasingly likely. however, that this condition will be interpreted to admit have fluctuated within a narrow enough range, even if they were not formally within the

what the "normal fluctuation margins" mean. If the 2.25 per cent margins that existed until August 1993 were treated as "normal", Britain would not have the slightest chance of qualifying (see charts). But in that case Italy, Ireland and Sweden would also be unable to qualify. If, on the other hand, the present "temporary" margins of 15 per cent were taken as normal, every Euro-pean country would easily qualify on this "convergence criterion". In practice, this liberal interpretation is too likely - especially if a British government anxious to join MU were voting alons Ireland and Italy. Maybe this

Blair both mean by retaining their freedom to negotiate. In practice it seems, then, that Mr Blair's "formidable obstacles" to EMU do not exist. The obstacles that do exist are either matters of principle and national interest - on which neither of the main party leaders seems to have any view - or issues of parliamentary course, there will be big obstacles to joining EMU. But they look a lot less daunting today

is what Messrs Major and

than they did a week ago. Mr Major's amazing offer yesterday of a free vote in Parliament if he were re-elected would transform the practical politics in favour of EMU in the unlikely event of the Tories being returned to power. For in a free vote the Tory Eurosceptics could almost certainly be overwhelmed by a coalition of pro-Europeans from all parties -- as they were in 1972. More importantly, the utter confusion in the Tory camp has taken all pressure off Mr Blair to move in a more sceptical

direction or even to clarify his

position on Europe. A free vote would also enable him to. allow members of the Cabinet to follow personal convictions.

This leaves both parties' pledge of a referendum as the one insuperable obstacle to Britain joining the single currency. But experience suggests that if the Government makes a decision on a complex economic issue and then wins the backing of prominent business interests, the voters can easily be swayed. Would people really reject in a refer-endum a policy that would lower their mortgage rates overnight by two or three percentage points? Would they economists who warned that such a monetary union would lead to higher inflation and a balance of payments crisis? Wouldn't they believe instead the far larger number of businessmen and economic optimists who would argue that inflation and trade probiems were now impossible. since Britain's money would be in the capable hands of a surrogate Bundesbank?

#### **BUSINESS LETTERS**

## Britain needs pension compulsion and affordable second-tier schemes

From the Chairman, Unity Trust Bank

Sir, It is hard to disagree with Graham Searjeant's analysis (April 10) of Britain's acute pensions problem. However, market forces will not deliver the increased provision needed. While it is obvious that pensions, like insurance, need to be sold, we have seen the danger of mis-selling. Some form of political leadership — and fresh political thinking - is what we really require to tackle falling living standards in retirement.

Only compulsion will work. The Conservative proposals do recognise this, but only in the long term, and they ignore the crisis which will face our ageing population as it peaks in around

Likewise, Labour thinkers have highlighted the need for compulsion, but the par-ty has not followed their lead. We can be encouraged

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by the fact that Labour intends to work in "partnerships" with employers' organisations, trade unions and the private sector to introduce a second-tier "stakeholder" pension. But these proposals do not add up, given that Labour says that it will maintain the present level of contributions.

The UK has accumulated a stock of private pensions assets totalling over 70 per cent of GDP. The challenge is to enable everyone to participate in the success

Without compulsion and the development of affordable second-tier pensions for all, many lower-paid people will continue to face an uncertain future as they will not earn sufficient income to contribute to private schemes at market rates. Yours faithfully, DENNIS LANDAU. Unity Trust Bank, 130 Minories, EC3.

#### New law is harming retirement provision

From Mr R. Waddingham Sir, The "anti-Maxwell" pensions legislation, the Pensions Act 1995, came into effect on April 6. Unfortunately, it has little to do with encouraging company pension schemes. This further pension regulation has had the opposite effect.

The Government boasts of the solid pension provision in this country. Pension funds here exceed £050 billion - more than the rest of Europe put together. ironically, politicians have not recognised that this position is threatened by their interventionist legislation. As a consulting actuary, I have never been busier than now - but unfortunately on the wrong sort of work. It is sad to see employers cutting back on pension provision.

The Government has yet to appreciate the damage done

by recent "reforms". The rot began when employees were given the right to opt out of good company pen-

The Government misunderstood the effect of the introduction of personal pensions fin spite of advice at the time), and refuses to accept blame for the losses that followed. The Pensions Act 1995 makes it harder and more expensive to run good schemes. Even if politicians now realise the damage done by recent legislation, it will be a huge task to persuade new employers to provide good pension provision for Yours faithfully,

R.A.J. WADDINGHAM, Barnett Waddingham (Consulting Actuaries), Chalfont Hall. Chalfont St Peter,

#### Millions will be victims of a windfall tax

From Mr M. C. Fitzpatrick Sir, Anatole Kaletsky (April 15) suggests that the real victims of the windfall tax will be the speculators who bought utility shares during the period of takeover and dividend fever earlier this decade. Whilst I would not wish to comment on whether or not the windfall tax is a sensible proposal, I believe

This firm's published figures estimate that a £5 billion windfall tax would permanently reduce the value of the utility shares by a one-off 5 per cent. In other words, the utility shares concerned would be worth around 5 per cent less than they would have been if the windfall tax had never been

invented. What this means in practice is that the five million or so individual owners of shares in utilities and the 17 million or so members of pension funds who have invested in utility shares will take a one-off "hit" of 5 per cent on part of their wealth. Up to half the electorate will

The windfall tax may or may not be a justifiable of raising £5 billion to tackle long-term unemployment in the UK, but it is disingenuous to suggest that it has only a limited number of Yours faithfully.

M. C. FITZPATRICK, Head of Economics. Chantrey Vellacott. 10-12 Russell Square, WCI.

## Morag Preston on an even longer smoking campaign

## Tobacco duo plots 241 challenge

J Cunningham and Sten Bertelsen, the enfants terribles of the tobacco industry, are already plotting their next move.

Yesterday's European Court ruling against their Enlightened Tobacco Company (ETC), which has left them facing a £700,000 bill for costs, has been quickly shrugged off. Their next assault on Customs & Excise will be the launch of an extra long cigarette cutely called the 241.

Unlike the average cigarette, the filter is in the middle so that, snapped in half, it can be shared. The selling point is that at 100mm in length they are a quarter longer than standard-sized cigarettes.

In theory, smokers will pay no more tax than they would for a packet of 20 standard cigarettes, yet end up with 40. The cigarettes are available in The Netherlands but Customs & Excise have already opposed their United Kingdom launch. ETC is the company behind

the cut-price Death digarettes.

"We stand for the man on the street, fighting for the rights of smokers," says Bertelsen, who was working in corporate finance on Wall Street when he joined Cunningham to set up the ETC.

sold cigarettes outside pubs from the boot of a car. By 1993 the business had 35 shareholders and a budget of £1.2 million. Cunningham. 32, who formerly imported secondhand cars from California,

At first they

DEATH that it won't be long before fellow fumeurs have their first taste of his latest brand. "The first inch is all you need to give you a hit, the rest is social smoking," he

Alfonz Ravelli, the largest

independent manufacturer of tobacco in Europe, has a 25 per cent stake in ETC and is Cunningham's partner in the project. He made Death cigarettes, and retains the right to sell them in Germany and the

> been on sale in Nether-The lands for a Although Cunningham's plans to launch in the UK have had thumbs down from Customs & Excise, the bad boy of the cigarette world

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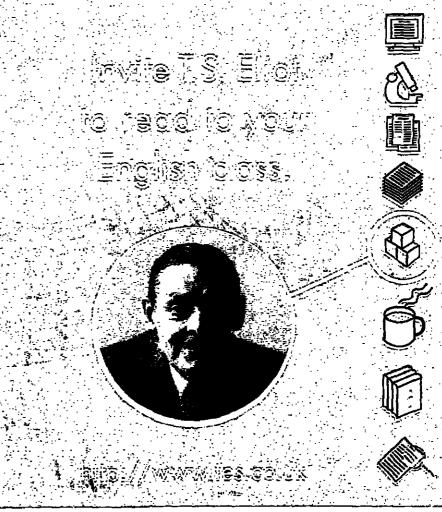
plans to contest it. He said: Two units doesn't mean that it's two cigarettes. Even with an ordinary eigarette you might put it out . . . then pick it up later and start smoking it

Cunningham is also active in the music industry, managing two bands that are about to launch their first single -Carpet Burn by Salamanda, and Blow by Libido.

For his part, Bertelsen. 32, is looking to import Cuban cigars into the UK. His plan is to break Hunters & Frankau's monopoly of the market. Bertelsen is married to the

socialite PR, Susannah Constantine, and is the son of the Scandinavian fashion magnate. Peder Bertelsen. He is currently in business with his father, opening haute couture franchises for Alberta Ferretti and Strennesse in London. Set up seven months ago, he predicts that the company, called Striber, will achieve a £4 million turnover by the end of its first year.

That apart, Bertelsen is also fully occupied in his role as managing director of Enlight-ened Capital Company, which has recently bought a stake in a television station based in



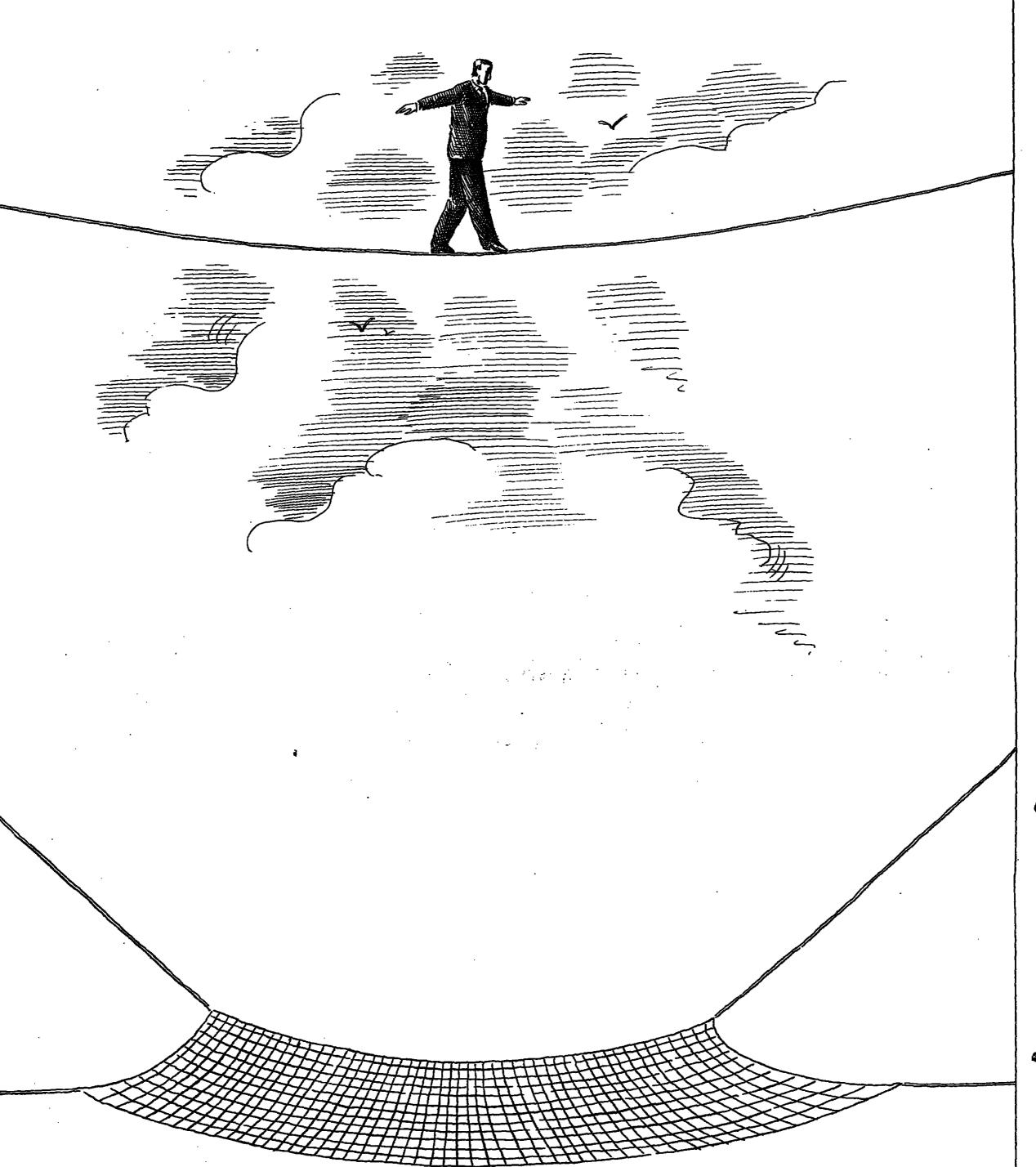
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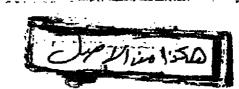
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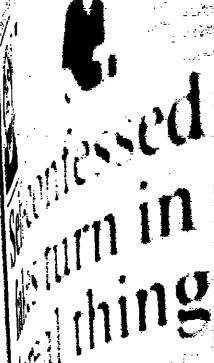
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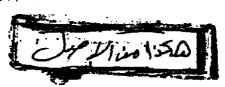
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POP 1

The Charlatans show that world-weariness pays off, eventually, on Tellin' Stories



POP 2

. and the likely lads of Supergrass stake a claim to darker territory with In it for the Money





POP3

but the self-styled "queen of hip hop soul", Mary J. Blige, goes a bit glossy on her new album



POP 4

Whither Robbie? Caitlin Moran finds erstwhile Take That man enjoying a full and frank recovery

# Self-confessed fakes turn in the real thing

POP CDs: Tragedy has not deflected the Charlatans from making a watershed album, says David Sinclair

THE CHARLATANS Tellin' Stories

(Beggars Banquet BBQ 190

THE CHARLATANS are proof of the adage that it is not how fast you come out of the traps that counts, so much as your ability to reach the finish line. Playing the tortoise to such hare-like contemporaries as the Stone Roses and Happy Mondays is one thing. More to the point, the Charlatans have reached an age and a stage where all that hardfaced, world-weary posturing actually means something.

The making of Tellin' Stories, their fifth album, was marred by the death of keyboard player Rob Collins, who had already co-written and played on most of the songs before his fatal car accident. Cynics will say that his absence lends a poignant cachet to the project, and so it does. But irrespective of such circumstances, there is a substance to many of these songs that wasn't there before.

With their scuffed harmony vocals, loose, shuffling beats and bluesy touches of harmonica and slide guitar, With No Shoes and North Country Boy are typical of the warm. rootsy tunes that predominate. You're a Big Girl Now gives an acoustic spin to the formula, with Mark Collins playing some marvellous riffs that recall the bucolic touch of Ron Wood during his heyday in the Faces. And there is a brilliant instrumental track called Area 51, a sort of slovenly, roots-rock take on

APPAREL

But whether traversing old or new grooves, Tellin' Stories has the kind of touch that simply cannot be acquired off the peg. This is an album with the real rock woll feel.

the Chemical Brothers.

, SUPERGRASS In it for the Money (Parlophone 8 55228 £13.99) WITH its sarcastic title and humorously seedy cover photograph of the group dressed

as a bunch of down-and-out buskers, In it for the Money is a clear statement of intent by Supergrass. Call them young. carefree kids with clean teeth and a cheery pop tune in their hearts at your peril. This is an ambitious rock album with fire in its belly and various shades of meaning, some of them surprisingly dark.

Rather like the Who in their glory days, Supergrass have developed an uncanny knack of moulding high-energy, three-chord rock'n'roll into the most amazing shapes, thanks to a mixture of great tunes, complex vocal harmonies, an absurdist sense of humour and Danny Goffey's frenetic

drumming style.

Thus the title track kicks off proceedings with a quick burst of comic/epic drama before being brutally chopped off in mid-flow to make way for Richard III, a belter of the first order. From there the album is a roller-coaster ride of numbers that range from acoustic love songs such as Late in the Day and It's Not Me to propulsive rockers including Sun Hits The Sky, Cheapskate and Tonight.

But it derives its unique flavour from the many imaginative diversions along the way - numbers such as G-Song. with its howling, Neil Young-style guitar solo: last year's hit. Going Out, with its wall of organ and brass; and Sometimes I Make You Sad, a bizarre closing turn enlivened by a jokey, human-beatbox, compah rhythm track.

There is no obvious summer hit such as Alright, but this album is nothing less than a tour de force by a bunch of likely lads who have just staked their claim as one of the premier British acts of the

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Share My World

(MCA MCD 11619 £13.49) HER transformation from teenage backing singer to "queen of hip hop soul" (who are the other contenders for this strange title?) seemed to happen overnight. Now 25, and having severed all links with producer Puffy Combs, the man who masterminded her two previous multimillionselling albums, it is a more mature Mary J. Blige who steps out with a small army of the most fashionable names in R&B. including R. Kelly, Jam. & Lewis, D'Angelo and the ubiquitous Babylace.

Recorded in a variety of studios, Share My World has a glossier but less cohesive feel than its predecessors. Blige's voice works like a dream, especially on her offbeat reworking of the Stylistics' hit. You are Everything, and when set against the hard mechanical beats of Round and Round. But she lacks the immediately recognisable vocal signature of previous soul queens, and some of the material sounds a bit tired.

**MATTHEW SWEET** Blue Sky on Mars

(Zoo/RCA 61422 31130 £15.49) SOMETHING of a musical sponge, Matthew Sweet has made a career out of absorbing and re-designing what has been going on around him rather than generating anything startlingly original.

That said, he does have a master craftsman's way with a tune, and there are some wonderful moments on Blue Sky on Mars, an album which finds him going through a Bob Mould-style post-grunge phase, with secondary references ranging from R.E.M. to Smashing Pumpkins.

The arrangements are simple, and the lyrics direct: havent been a good friend/ For a long long time," he sings with disarming candour on Behind the Smile. With songs like these we can forgive him.



Last year Rob Collins, the Charlatans' keyboards player, died in a car accident. Now the remaining four have released a fitting memorial. Tellin' Stories

#### TOP TEN ALBUMS

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## The devil in the teen angel

Basically, Robbie Williams should not have been in Take That. He was much better suited to Bad Boys Inc

f the midweek statistics are right, then Robbie Williams's single Old Before I Die will go straight in at No 1 this weekend, making him the most successful former member of Take That. He's also the most unlikely former member of Take That. For a man who once had a doll made of him, and was expected to conduct his private life as if he actually were one, Williams is madly earthy and alive. Swearing, smoking, drinking, kicking out oneliners . . . the wonder is that he managed to last five years in a

hand where a can of full-sugar Coke was a special treat and saying nothing controversial or opinionated was essential. \*Of course 1

drank and took drugs and had sex while I was in Take That," Williams says, "I was doing CAITLIN **MORAN** all that stuff before I ioined the band, so I

wasn't going to stop. But it's so niring having to pretend you're not doing all these things. Interviewers ask you what you did last night, and you have to say: 'Oh, me and the boys stayed in and watched a movie and did each other's hair'. when what you really want to say is: I had the maddest night ever last night; I was the Zorro of beer and good times." "Of course, there weren't

that many occasions where that happened when I was in the band. But after I left the band ... "He grins. His Lost Weekend, which totalled a year, has been well documented in the press, But the boozy celebrity nights out and parties escalated into reports of drink and drug addiction, a tearful heart-to-heart with Elton John, and a spell in rehab. "That was all complete and

rubbish," Williams howls, rolling his eyes. "At the time of the reports that I was battling with addiction I was sitting in my nan's house, having a cup of tea. I've done a few drugs, and I had some good times on them, then I had some bad times on them, and then I stopped. But I never needed them, which is what I believe the dictionary would

say 'addiction' means. And besides. I was just making up for those [puts on a psychiatrist-type voice] lost teenage years. But I reckon I'm over all that now. I'm moving to Ireland, I'm going to get a farm and feed the pigs. I'm going to lean on my gate, watching the world pass by."

Williams has a good understanding of how ridiculous yet enjoyable it is being famous: he tells a story of turning up

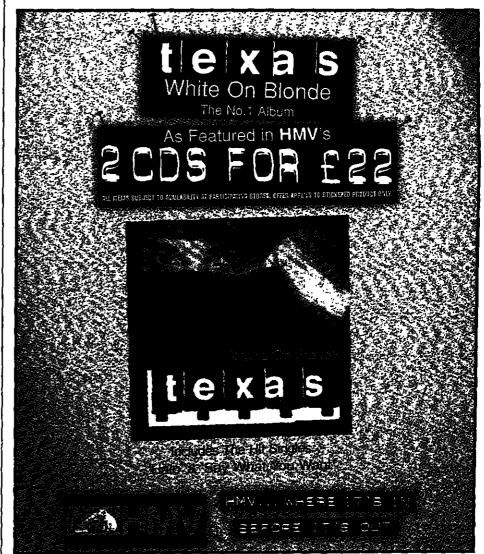
for a photo-shoot, still drunk from the night before, with a joint in one hand and a bottle of champagne in the other, and swathed in a fake-fur coat His life is almost a parody of what a boy-band star turned guitar-slinging Britpop hero would do; and Williams plays up to it.

" Robbie Williams' is a persona I can take on and off, it's my working name," he says. "All my friends call me 'Bob' or 'Rob'. Simple things like that can make a difference. I'm still learning how much of myself I can give away without hurting myself. And the press don't help with all those digs at my weight. I'm aware of it, but it's booze-flab, not pieflab, and I'm losing it. I'm getting my confidence back.

"I went down to this club called the Regency Rooms a couple of weeks ago," he beams, flinging himself around on the sofa like a 12year-old just home from school. It's all easy listening. run by this fella called Lenny Beige who has the most amazing wig. I decided I was going to make my comeback there. I got up on stage and sang Every Time We Say Goodbye, but I put a couple of gags in it too. I

got a standing ovation. "It's so good to play to an audience who've all got pubic hair! And being up on stage again felt so slinky."

Old Before I Die is out now on







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BOOKS

The teenagers are coming: young, highly marketable novelists find publishers fighting over them



MUSIC 1

Rare Handel: the late oratorio Alexander Balus proves to be well worth the occasional outing





MUSIC 2

Veteran meets newcomers: Lord Menuhin adds a vintage touch to a celebration of young quartets



■ TOMORROW

Can Gary Wilmot add contemporary fizz to The Goodbye Girl? Read Benedict Nightingale's view

LITERATURE: Authors are starting young — but can they write? Nicolette Jones reports







Take three girls with books in print: from left. Bidisha (who eschews a surname), Clare Naylor and Jenn Crowell, who wrote their first novels aged 16, 23 and 17 respectively

# The bookshop baby boom

These days it seems you are never too young to be writing fiction for adults. A novel is to come out from Flamingo in May that was commissioned when the author was 16. Seahorses by Bidisha (surname Bandyopadhyay but, like Madonna. she eschews it) is the story of a schoolgirl interested in relationships with older men. In June, Hodder will publish Necessary Madness, a tale of a mother grieving for the loss of a husband and struggling to bring up a child alone; it was written when the (American) author, Jenn Crowell, was 17.

Meanwhile Suzanne Baboneau, an editor at Pan Macmillan, waits patiently for her author, student Vanessa Walters, to finish her first-year exams before being allowed to see the already-written manuscript of Vanessa's second novel: her first, Rude Girls, a streetwise tale of three black girls about town, was published a year ago, and bought when the author was 17 (it sold well, aided by WH Smith's Fresh Talent promotion).

This is not to mention a busioad of current novels by raddled old veterans of 23 or 24. Many have produced voices invariably described as

"fresh", "fun" and "sexy".

Among these is Clare Naylor's Love: A User's Guide published last month, the story of a young Vogue fashion assistant who has an affair with the heart-throb hero of her fantasies - a novel for anyone who ever thought "If I could only meet Rufus Sewell/Colin Firth/Ralph Fiennes ... " It was written when Naylor was

And this month Chris Manby's Flatmates is published, which recounts the adventures of three girls who share a flat in Balham, south London. The author, writing at the ripe old age of 24, had her first short story published in Just Seventeen when she was just 14. Writing a novel is even

becoming something of a stu-dent fad. Brad Meltzer, an American law graduate whose novel The Tenth Justice (Hodder) came out in March. has said law school was full of people who had written novels. Londoner Courttia Newland, 23, had his street-wise story, set on an estate like the one he grew up on, published by Abacus this month: his literary career saved him from the life of crime he writes

It is easy to assume that these proliferating novels are juvenilia of little literary merit.

But it is worth remembering that, for instance, Mary Shel-ley wrote Frankenstein when she was 19, that Jane Austen wrote Sense and Sensibility when she was 23, and that many now distinguished authors began their literary ca reers early.

Susan Hill recalls newspaper headlines along the Writes About Sex\* which, beside photographs of her in school uniform. trumpeted her debut. She was 18 when The Enclosure was published. Margaret Drabble wrote her first novel, A Sum-

mer Birdcage,

when she was 23.

Martin Amis was the same age when The Rachel Papers came out. It is possible that the new generation of young writers are prodigies on the threshold of a lifetime's commitment to their

On the other hand, it is also possible that they are primarimarketing opportunities. veryone in fiction publishing acknowledges that it is easier to arouse media attention for

writers who are surprisingly.

or at least attractively, young. Naylor, who was inspired to pen her debut novel by the experience of working for a publisher, remembers how 'editors' eyes lit up" when the magic epithet "twentysomething" applied to an author. Naylor realised what few as-

piring writers do: that rather than waiting until you 6 Don't your skill, it is betwait to ter to get a foot in the door as young perfect as possible. Publishers will then your skill; "build" you. In ten years' time, if all get a foot goes according to their plan, you will in the door early 7

Carolyn Mays at Hodder, editor of both Naylor and Crowell, says: "I

don't know anyone who wouldn't publish a good book because there was nothing to say about the author. But the sad truth is that it gets harder every day to publish fiction. If there is an added lever that is going to help a book's chances. publishers are glad to use it."

But she insists that there is no point in hyping a book beyond its merit. You cannot decide to make otherwise talentless pretty kids into stars. as you can with pop music. If the raw material is so bad that it would have to be rewritten by an editor, it would never be bought. "Ghostwriting is much more likely to happen with big names than with

young faces." First novels and young au thors bring the advantage that the publisher can "invent" the writer for the market, as Philip Wynne-Jones. Bidisha's editor, explains. Once a writer has been published, publishers have to take account of the reaction of reviewers, readers and booksellers. They don't have a blank sheet to draw on any more. -

That about the effect on the writers? Is it good for them to be so exposed so young? Will the initial burst of confidence be replaced by early burn-out? Harriet Castor wrote her first book - for children when she was 12 (Fatpuss and Friends, still in print now). went on to write a second Fatouss book when she was in the sixth form and another at university, and has now written about 20 books for children. She reflects: "It did open doors. And I was very lucky to miss out on the horrible agonising rejection that most first authors experience. But it is also intimidating to be given the chance to fulfil your ambition straight away. If it doesn't work, you are left thinking, 'If I can't do this, where have my

dreams gone?" " Hill believes that it is important, after the first flush of celebrity, for these young writers to disappear for a while, to be ignored - which she thinks is almost inevitable, as other newcomers take their place: "Then they will find out if they really want to be writers." It will also allow them to mature into their own voice - "at the beginning, you are inevitably trying on other people's".

try on different voices was partly what convinced Wynne-Jones that she was destined to be a "real" writer. The first draft of her incomplete manuscript was hip and sassy, in the highoctane style of the youth magazines she contributed to NME and Dazed and Confused. Her second draft was more measured, arch. Edwardian (written while studying English at Oxford). The third and final draft, he says, was the richest in prose, inventive with language and metaphor. The learning process was visible in the making of the first book, but the versatility convinces her editor

that Bidisha will stick with it. Crowell, too, seems to be a writer who will not be deterred, "She looks about 15, but when she speaks she sounds like a writer," says Carolyn Mays. "I am interested in the concept of persona," says Crowell, explaining the extraordinary success of characters whose experience she has not shared, and insisting that she would always have written....whatever- happened to

Naylor, who began by trying to write a serious literary novel and "bored herself". set limits for her writing career. If one day she wished to turn herself into a heavyweight. "I'm not sure how easy the transition would be". Castor is now 26, and next February her first adult novel, The Firebird, will be published. She admits it is in many ways like "starting again". But at least she didn't have to fight to be noticed.

Hill adds that, especially for women, it is no bad thing to start young. "It is a good idea to get established before you have children," she says. Aspirant novelists over 30 who are now thoroughly depressed may care to note Mays's footnote: "If you write a novel in middle age, it is better to put it, and the next two, into the bottom drawer and bring them out when you're 70," Decrepitude, too, can be a selling point.

## LONDON CONCERTS Putting a shine on Handel

POSTERITY has been fair to most of Handel's two dozen oratorios: the great works continue to delight music-lovers while the lesser ones have slipped into obscurity. But even secondrate Handel is always worth hearing, a fact of musical life reflected by a full Queen Elizabeth Hall at Wednesday's dusting-off of Alexander Balus by the

King's Consort

Alexander Balus (1748) is one of the late oratorios, a sequel to Judas Maccabaeus. The apocryphal plot relates the downfall of Alexander, who has seized the Syrian throne, whose love for Cleopatra is thwarted by the machinations of her father. Ptolemy, and whose pact with the warlike Jews results in his death. Full of dramatic confusion, the story begins to move only in Act III. Handel was forced to reserve some of the finest music for the end.

But Handelian scholars have perhaps been a little hard on the work, for although there is only one outstanding number that reflects the "psychological" Handel, Cleopatra's desolate lament "Convey me to some peaceful shore", the score is full of striking effects. Even when Handel is on harmonic autopilot.

Alexander Balus **OEH** 

his orchestration is always inventive. The militaristic vein of course calls for trumpets and drums, but there are moments of uncommon lyricism, not least the limpid "Harkl He strikes the golden lyre" dominated by mandolin, harp, theorbo and a pair of purling flutes.

Instrumental playing was first-rate, but a better conductor than the uninspiring Robert King might have made more of the score. In spite of his jerky style, detail was smoothed out, and his brutal cutting of some da capo repeats unbalanced the music. At least he assembled an excellent cast, led by Susan Bickley, who stepped into the title role at short notice with style and presence. Lynne Dawson brought Cleopatra to vivid life, making the most of her sunny soprano. Claron McFadden was a bright Aspasia. Michael George a resonant Ptolemy. The chorus was drawn mostly from New College, Oxford, whose fine trebles sang with sparkle.

JOHN ALLISON

## Hungarian heat

AFTER a week in which 23 young string quartets from lá countries were put through their paces in the seventh London International String Quartet Competition, the Auer Quartet from Hungary walked away with not only the First Prize but also the Sidney Griller Award for the best performance of the competition's specially commissioned new work by Nicola Lefanu, and the Audience

Prize to boot. Only three weeks ago. I had heard the Auer Quartet in Budapest at Miniforum, a weekend showcase for young musicians which is attempting to revive Interforum, Hungary's unique, non-competitive musical platform, sadly thrown out with the socialist bathwater. I was impressed, both in Budapest and in London by the fusion of authority and daring in this young quartet, formed in 1990 when its members were still students in the Mendelssohn

at the Franz Liszt Academy. Quartet in A minor, Op 13, with which the Auer chose to celebrate in Monday's London gala concert, it was impossible to escape a sense of déjà vu. Here, 100, was that grasp of pacing and

String Quartet Competition Barbican

structure which had characterised the young Takács Quartet, winners of the very urst competition.

The Auer's leader, Gabor Sipos, plays with sophistication and discernment, yet his colleagues as far as they can go. The sinewy partwriting at the heart of the second movement meant that, at the return of its sombre opening, a real iourney had been undergone. Yet there was stamina to spare for the finale, a vortex of white-hot energy.

an evening framed by Yehudi Menuhin conducting an orchestra of massed string quartets in Bartok and Elgar, and by the inappropriately Ruritanian fanfaring of the Band of the Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (why?) included the Castagneri Quartet from France, the Belcea (UK) and the Lipatti

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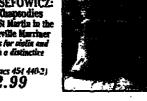
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pher's clever trickery lurks in the printed programme for Ouintet, which lists just four dancers. But on stage it immediately becomes clear that Jonathan Burrows's new piece contains a cast of five. Henry Montes doesn't dance (although normally he is one of Burrows's dancers), but he does speak. He also weaves about a coat-stand construction of four tubular bells and plays limpid minimalist clus-

ters of chimes set by the composer Tom Johnson. Quintet is only 15 minute long and it gleams like gold. It reveals the choreographer's ability to renew himself and avoid familiar formulae. Burrows has returned from the success of his first creation for William Forsythe's Frankfurt Ballet with a new-found, knowing take on hallet. It suggests the influence of For-sythe's own deconstructed ballet classicism, although as always Burrows never merely bolts on outside ideas, but digests them into his style. He has, in the past, per-plexed us with assertions that all his work is rooted in ballet - even The Stop Quartet with its flat-footed, chaining steps. its arms slicing like broken-sailed windmills, its abrupt

animal crouches. But here

Quintet delivers ballet that

even the layman can grasp,

and interesting, he does not offer it straight. Burrows and his three fellow dancers belong to a hybrid species, lined up like competing runners or corps de ballet. At one moment they are shuffling prone along the ground; in another

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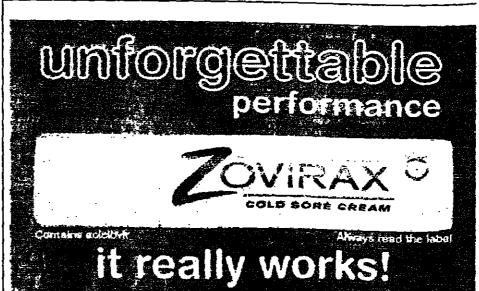
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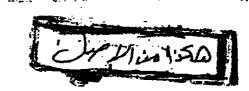
they are directing their feet into balletic fifth position, the effect deliberately blunted by their lumpy trainer shoes. Then they split from their unison line into couples, grapple like wrestlers, or tilt into the extreme shapes of a Forsythian pas de deux, The detached perspective is

noticeable because of Henry Montes's questions between silence and the chiming. Do the dancers move dif-

ferently in the silence?" he asks. And you think, yes - or perhaps they only seem to Burrows is interested in autonomous layers of activity which by their simple parallel existence produce an impression of interaction. That is an important aspect of The Stop Quartet which opened the programme. This piece has not worn thin with repeated viewings. It is so intriguing, so consummately structured that grips your attention and doesn't let go.

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# Talking shop with actors

guise of Hamlet, advised his players to speak the speech Brinsh actors have been celebrated the world over for their vocal clarity. But many of our greatest actors are allowed to slide into such mannered selfindulgence that they become aimost parodies of their former selves. What was once bravura acting degenerates into plain over-the-top. Maggie Smith's applause-hungry Lady Bracknell in The Importance of Being Earness springs to mind, along with most of the recent output of Alan Howard and Vanessa Redgrave.

Even Paul Scofield's award-winning performance in the National's John Gabriel Borkman was, towards the end of its run, remarkable for its operatic bombast. So magnificent is Scofield's voice that it is now in danger of being incapable of sounding natural: syllables were parcelled out, words were modulated, sculpted and launched into the auditorium like skyrockets. Yet all of these actors can still deliver taut, disciplined performances under the right circumstances.

What is going wrong? Egotism and a reluctance to shift are not best dealt with by deference. Nor is the problem helped by cavernous theatres with dead acoustics such as the Olivier.

The buck may stop with the director. but the person who is often expected to sort out the mess is the voice coach. Patsy Rodenburg, head of voice at both the Royal National Theatre and Guildhall School of Music and Drama, believes the trouble stems from actors not listening to other actors on stage.

"All the famous actors who seem to be stuck are not reachable," she says. The other actors will say that they won't look at them, they won't listen. They've decided on their performance and they're listening to themselves. As soon as you start to believe that your voice or the way you're speaking is fantastically interesting, you're going to sound mannered."

Rodenburg, who has worked with

ver since Shakespeare, in the most of our leading directors, has a new book out this week, The Actor Speaks, which expands her view that the foundation of good acting is respect for the text.

"A lot of directors are much more interested in design," she says. "It's very disheartening for an actor when a director comes in and starts to say: This is how it's going to look.' I honestly think that a lot of directors will avoid working on the text because they don't know much about it."
Matthew Warchus, who coaxed sur-

prisingly unmannered performances from Albert Finney and Tom Courtenay in Art, told his cast on the first day of rehearsal that this was not to be a series of star turns. Warchus recalls: "I'd keep saying: You're speaking as if it's in inverted commas. Try to lose the inverted commas."

He says famous actors are not challenged enough to give fresh performances. "Producers may say, What we need for this is Maggie Smith.' What they mean is, Maggie Smith doing something they've seen her do before. And that's not fair to Maggie Smith."

Peter Hall, the arch-champion of vocal precision, affirms that mannerisms are the result of not knowing meaning. "Equally, directors become useless when they don't challenge and seek out meaning," he says. "Bad Shakespearean speech can be absolutely correct for its form but not have meaning. I would never say that if you speak Shakespeare well you will act it well. But you never see Shakespeare well acted unless it's also well spoken."

Hall's solution is to be specific in rehearsal and keep a regular eye on the play during its run. "If you just keep running it and saying, 'Oh, how lovely. darling.' you're going to end up with an empty production in which the actors will resort to whatever fireworks they possess to keep the interest up."

• The Actor Speaks by Parsy Rodenburg is published by Methuen (£14.99). She is giving a platform performance. Words of Madness, with actors from King Lear at the



Speaking volumes: Patsy Rodenburg in a training session at the NT with the actors Martin Chamberlain (left) and Nicholas Bailey

## Plot to catch the conscience

(ie. having the clap) and conducting an affair with a haberdasher called Rafe Smith. She was cleared after her accuser failed to appear at a church court in Worcester. Rut could Susanna, res wife of the great Dr Hall, have been guilty?

for slander after he accused her of "runing at the raynes" Duchess

cumbed to those parts of iro mawiey s could not stop himself wronging his friend and neighbour. But again and again Whelan refuses to deal in blacks and whites. Again and again he calls to mind Shakespeare's dictum that people consist "of mingled yarn, good and ill together"

Susanna rescues herself, Smith and, above all, her husband's good name by doing what her father did so well. She constructs a clever story and gets even those who This brings a wonderfully tense encounter with Stephen Boxer's icy inquisitor in Worcester Cathedral. More importantly, it asks us how far we can and should accept

practices may be imperilled. Are these justified when they result in the excommunication and destruction of a young man who, as Barnaby Kay plays Jack, is foolish and slovenly, but not really bad?

Kay makes an effective addition to Michael Attenborough's cast, as do Lorcan Richard Hawley's lovelorn haberdasher. But Banham's Susanna is still too much the blithely intelligent wife, too little the frustrated, passion-

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## Phobia caused incompetence

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss. Lord Justice Saville and Lord Justice Ward

**Judgment March 26**] A woman who needed and desired to have a Caesarian section bu whose fear of needles caused her to panic in the operating theatre and refuse to have the anaesthetic and undergo the operation was, at the moment of panic, suffering from a mental impoirment which made her temporarily incompetent and, as the Caesarian section was in her for the court to order that it would be lawful for doctors to operate on

her without her consent The Court of Appeal so held in giving reasons for dismissing on February 18 an appeal by the woman against a decision of Mr Justice Hollis to grant a declara-tion that it would be lawful for the

Mr Robert Francis, QC, for the woman; Mr John Grace, QC, for the hospital; Mr Michael Hinchliffe as amicus curiae.

LORD JUSTICE BUTTLER-SLOSS, giving the judgment of the court, said that in general it was a criminal and tortious assault to perform physically invasive medi-cal treatment, however minimal the invasion might be, without the patient's consent

A mentally competent patient had an absolute right to refuse consent to medical treatment for any reason, rational or irrational, or for no reason at all even where that decision might lead to his or her death.

Medical treatment could be undertaken in an emergency even if, through lack of capacity, no consent had been competently given, provided the treatment was a no essity and did no more than was reasonably required in the best interests of the patient.

All the recent decisions in Caesarian section cases arose in circumstances of urgency or ex-

mother was not always represented as a party. With one exception the court had decided in all the cases that the mother did not have the capacity to make the

decision. In such extremely worrying situations it was important to keep in mind the basic principles laid down in the authorities and the court should approach the crucial question of competence bearing the following considerations in

I Every person was presumed to have the capacity to consent to or to refuse medical treatment unle and until that presumption was

2 A competent woman who had the apacity to decide might, for religious or other reasons whether rational or irrational or for no reason at all, choose not to have medical intervention even though the consequence might be the death or serious handicap of the child she bore or her own death. In that event the court did not have jurisdiction to declare medi-

cal intervention lawful and the question of her own best interests objectively considered, did not 3 Irrationality connoted a decision

which was so outrageous in its defiance of logic or of accepted moral standards that no senperson who had applied his mind to the question to be decided could have arrived at it. Although it might be thought

that irrationality sat uneasily with competence to decide; panic, incisiveness and irrationality in themselves did not as such amount to incompetence, but might be symptoms or evidence of incom-petence. The graver the con-sequences of the decision the commensurately greater the level

4 A person lacked capacity if some impairment or disturbance of mental functioning rendered the

## Theft of credit

Regina v Hilton (Peter

Arnold) Where a person was charged with theft of property consisting of a credit balance, that person appropriated it by assuming the rights of the owner of the balance so

causing a transfer to be made. The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Evans, Mr Justice Clarke, and Judge Brian Walsh, QC, Recorder of Leeds) so held in a reserved judgment on March 7, dismissing the appeal of Peter Arnold Hilton against conviction on July 23, 1996 at Bolton Crown Court (Judge Lakin and a jury) for theft for which he

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LORD JUSTICE EVANS said that the appellant was chairman of

a charitable organisation who on two counts had caused its bank to ster sums of money by way of faxed instructions, and on a third count by way of cheque. appellant's instructions. whether by cheque or otherwise. were the key which set the relevant inter-bank, or inter-account machinery in motion. The fact a

Temporary factors such as o temporary macors such as confusion, shock, fatigue, pain or drugs might completely erode capacity but only if such factors

were operating to such a degree that the ability to decide was 6 Another such influence might be

panic induced by fear. Again careful scrutiny of the evidence was necessary because fear of an operation might be a rational reason for refusal to undergo it. Fear might also, however, paralyse the will and thus destroy the capacity to make a decision

Applying those principles to the instant case the court found that woman was incapable of making a decision at all as she was at the moment of panic suffering an impairment of her mental functioning which disabled her and she was temporarily

It was clear that the mother and father wanted the child born alive and the woman was in favour of the operation subject only to her needle phobia. On the evidence it had to be in her best interests that the operation be performed.

A feature of some of the earlier

cases had been the favourable reaction of the patient who had ent to the subsequent medical intervention and Having noted that, the court was

none the less sure that however desirable it might be for the mother to be delivered of a live and healthy baby, it was not a strictly relevant consideration.

If therefore the competent mother refused to have the medical intervention, doctors might not lawfully do more than attempt to persuade her. If that persuasion was unsuccessful there were no further steps towards medical intervention to be taken

The effect was that there would be situations in which the child might die or be seriously handicapped because the mother said No and the obstetrician was not able to take the necessary steps to avoid the death or handicap. The mother might indeed later regret the outcome but the alternative would be an unwarranted inva-sion of the right of the woman to make the decision.

make the decision.

The only situation in which it was lawful for doctors to intervene was if it was believed that the adult patient lacked the capacity to

the present state of th English law the submission that the court should consider and reigh in the balance the rights of the unborn child were untenable. The only support in Lord Donaldson's observation in In re T transfer was made was enough to (an Adult) (Consent to medical complete the offence, even if there treatment) ([1993] Fam 95) could nained an obligation on the not stand against the weight of earlier decisions which were far bank, as debtor to its customer, to

more persuasive as to the present state of the law and which were applicable by analogy to the present appeal: see Paton v British Pregnancy Advisory Service Trustess (1979) QB 276), Cv S (1988) QB 135) and In re F (in Utero) (1988)

Fam 122).
The foetus up to the moment of birth did not have any separate interests capable of being taken into account when a court had to er an application for a declaration in respect of a Caesardid not have the jurisdiction to lare that such medical intervention was lawful to protect the interests of the unborn child even at the point of birth.

It might be helpful to make some

comments on the practice to be followed when the medical proession felt it necessary to seek declarations from the courts. I The court was unlikely entertain an application for declaration unless the capacity of patient to consent to or re-

2 For the time being at least the ors ought to seek a ruling from the High Court on the issue of

3 Those in charge should identify a potential problem as early as possible so that both the hospital and the patient could obtain legal

4 it was highly desirable that in any case which was not an emergency steps should be taken to bring it before the court before it became an emergency. That would remove the extra pressure from the parties and the court and enable instructions to be taken, rticularly from the patient, and where possible give the opportu-nity for the court to hear oral

5 The hearing should be inter

6 The mother should be represented in all cases unless, exceptionally, she did not wish to be. If she was unconscious she should have a guardian ad litem.
7 The Official Solicitor should be

notified of all applications to the High Court 8 There should in general be some evidence, preferably but not necessarily from a psychiatrist, as to the competence of the patient if competence was in issue. 9 Where time permitted, the per-

son identified to give the evidence

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aware of the observations in this 10 in order to be in a position to assess a patient's best interests the judge should be provided, where ible and if time allowed, with information about the circum stances of and relevant background material about the patient. Solicitors: Le Brasseur J. Tickle;

# Power to compel child witness

In re P (a Minor) (Witness Before Lord Justice Kennedy and

|Judgment March 25| A judge had a discretion whether issue a witness summons ainst a child and could decline if issue would be oppressive. In making a decision the child's welfare was of great relevance, although it was not a question related to the child's upbringing. In principle the older the child the more likely the application would succeed. It was to be

expected, however, that in most cases involving a child, whether or not a family member, aged 12 or younger the court would favour the absence of oral evidence even though that might mean the weakening, perhaps even fatally, of the evidence against the adult.

The Court of Appeal so stated on refusing an application for leave to appeal by Mrs P and her partner nst an order made on Novem ber 12, 1996 by Judge McKinney at Bournemouth County Court when making a care order in respect of her daughter S aged 12. The judge had refused to permit N, aged L2, a friend of S, to give oral evidence in respect of an allegation of abuse against Mrs P's partner.

Miss Miranda Allardice for the nother and her partner, Miss Anne Jessup for the the guardian ad litem: Mr Michael Kolanko for the local authority.

MR JUSTICE WILSON said that the starting point was para-graph 2 of the Children (Admissibility of Hearsay Evidence) Order (SI 1993 No 621). Although not limited to evidence given children, the order was formulated with such evidence in mind: see In re C and Others (Minors) (Hearsay evidence: Contempt proceed-

An industrial tribunal's power to

make restricted reporting orders under rule 14(1) of Schedule 1 to the

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tions (SI 1993 No 2687) was not to

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The Court of Appeal (Lord ustice Staughton, Lord Justice

Waite and Lord Justice Waller) so

stated in an interlocutory appeal on March II. The court ordered

that 21 named persons could not be

became available.

X v Z Ltd

ings) [1993] 4 All ER 690). The effect of the order was that the local authority was entitled to adduce in evidence written and videotaped records of N's view and yet to decline to call her to give oral evidence. Since that evidence was admissible and clearly relevant there was no room for the court to decline to accept that evidence unless the local

authority were to call N. The only way the proposed appellants could procure N's attendance before the court was to issue a witness summons under Order 20, rule 12 of the County Court

At the interlocutory hearing on September 26, 1996 the appellants were in effect asking the judge to permit the issue of such a sumns and they conceded, then as in the present hearing, that in that regard the judge had a discretion: see R v B County Council, Ex parte P ([1991] | WLR 221, 227G-H) where in care proceedings a stipendiary magistrate had declined to authorise issue of a witness summons against a girl aged 17 who had made allegation of sexual abuse that were put in evidence.

Of the two principles enun-ciated, the appellants questioned the applicability of the second, but accepted the first, namely that the judge could decline to nmons against N if she considered that it was oppressive. In his Lordship's judgment, that was indeed the criterion by which the application fell to be judged.

The appellants had applied for summonses against both S and N at the hearing. Before the judge the guardian ad litem had submitted that section I(I) of the Children Act 1989 applied so as to make the welfare of the children

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which had dismissed him for

STAUGHTON said that the Court

of Appeal had power to make an

order restricting publication either under section [5(3) of the Supreme

Court Act 1981, or under the court's

Scott v Scott ([1913] AC 417) established that when both sides

consented to an order prohibiting

publication, that was exactly the

moment when the court should

examine with particular care

whether such an order should be

JUSTICE

Restricting reports

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and McFarlane's Children Law and Practice ((1445) D 1,380). In the event the judge accepted the proposition in respect of S but not in respect of N. For his Lordship's part, it was clear that the question of whether to issue 2 witness summons against a child was not a question with respect to

her upbringing and that section 1(1) did not apply in relation to As to the yardstick of oppression, his Lordship returned to Exparts P (at pp228F-H and 229B). Even her child. though the witness was aged 17 the appeal against refusal to authorise ness summons was dismissed. In that case, the court was exercised by a further point that were the witness summons to have

only have been able to examine her n chief and that would probably have been unproductive. Since that case, with the in-troduction of the Children Act 1989, the sul generis semi-inquisi torial nature of proceedings under that Act had increasingly been

been issued, the stepfather would

In his Lordship's experience. where fairness required that an advocate should be able to crossexamine rather than suffer handicap of examination in chief, the court would occasionally call the witness so that cross-examination could take place. If it had been appropriate for N to be ordered to come to court, that course might have been followed in the present

The elemental question therefore was whether there were reasonable prospects for the appellants to persuade the court that the judge fell into the type of error identified in G v G (Minors: Custody appeal)

([1985] WLR 647).
The judge did not use the word oppressive, but there was no

magic in a word and it sufficed that she would have weighed the factors which that word encompassed. His Lordship could not fault the way in which the judge decided.

it was unusual for a child complainant of sexual abuse to give oral evidence in proceedings under the 1989 Act: it had never Nor had his Lordship ever been ad to order the attendance of a

child complainant. Clearly when a court was asked to make such an order, it must approach the application on its merits without preconceptions. In principle the older the child, the more arguable would be the

Nevertheless courts were increasingly aware of the further grave damage which could be done to a child who had been sexually abused or indeed a child who had not been sexually abused and such a child might well have been damaged, if she was subiexted to the trauma of questioning by a stranger whose task was an attack her truthfulness in a su-

premely sensitive area. His Lordship would expect that in most cases where the child, whether or not a family member, was of N's age or younger the count would favour the absence of oral evidence even though the concomitant was the weakening, often perhaps the fatal weakening, of the vidence against the adult.

There was no reasonable pros-pect of success in the proposed appeal and therefore leave would

Lord Justice Kennedy agreed. Solicitors: Cousins Coombe & Mustue, Weymouth and Pengilly & Ridge, Weymouth: Official Solicitor: Mr David Jenkins,

## Directing jury on need for verdict

Regina v Morgan

Where it was thought necessary in the judge's discretion to direct a jury on the need to reach a verdict. dges should follow precisely the terms of the direction laid down in R v Watson (1988) 1 QB 690). If they did not, there was a risk that the verdict of the jury might be rendered unsafe, particularly if what was said could be construed as imposing upon the jury improper pressure to reach a verdict. The Court of Appeal (Lord Jusice

Rose, Mr Justice Allion and Mr Justice Morland) so stated on March 26 when dismissing the appeal of Oliver Morgan against his conviction by a majority of 10 to 2 on January 10, 1997 at Harrow Crown Court (Mr Recorder Pitt

and a jury) of assault occasioning actual bodily harm.

LORD JUSTICE ROSE said that it had been submitted that the judge had diverted from the Watson direction so as to give the jury the impression that they would no be released until they had reached

Although in R v Buono ((1992) 95 Cr App R 338) Lord Justice Watkins stressed that the terms of the Watson direction should be followed, it was not fatal to tha conviction that the judge had added a sentence of his own. In the present case although the judge departed from the Watson direction he said nothing which suggested that the jury was being placed under improper pressure.

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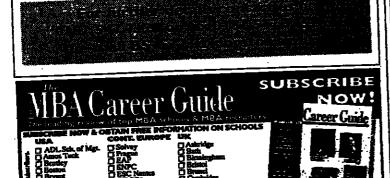
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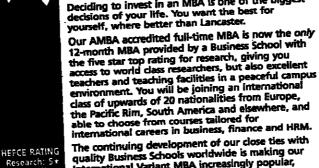
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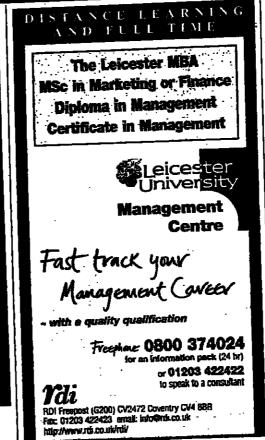
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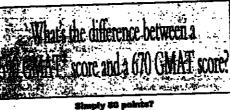
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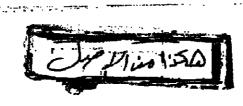
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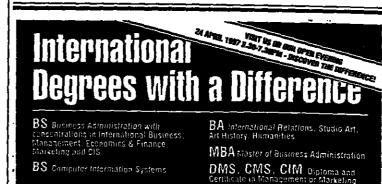
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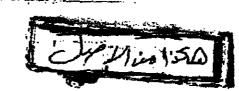
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matically sent their sons to the successful Langley Park School for Boys in the South London borough of Bromley. Ten years on, however, Oliver found himself turned away. His mother blames the

school's move towards partial selection (Oliver did not pass the test) and the clamour for places by children from outside the borough. The school points to the effective disappearance of catchment areas and the high number of applications from siblings this year.

All these reasons, and more, influence the complex challenge of finding a secondary school. The three main political parties have very different views on school admissions but are all grap-

pling with a key problem — that popular schools cannot infinitely expand. Conservative-

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successive government initiatives and become grant-maintained, specialist and, latterly, partially selective.

The Conservative manifesto promises every school more power, with the ultimate aim of full autonomy. There will also be greater freedom to select more pupils.

All but one of Bromley's 17 secondary schools have althority control. Many of these grant-maintained schools joined the specialist schools programme by admitting 10 per cent of pupils on aptitude for languages, arts, sport or technology. Then Hayes School won government approval to select 25 per cent of pupils on academic ability. This prompted all those schools not already testing prospective pupils to select 15 per cent, the maximum allowed without government

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that council borders should not hinder access to schools. More than 600 Bromley children have yet to secure a place for September and the number of appeals from par-

ents rises every year. Mrs Freeman believes that Langley Park acted against local parents' interests by moving to 15 per cent selection. She says: "I always assumed that he would automatically get a place. If someone had said two years ago he could not possibly get a place, we would have moved. It should not be like this. The Government encouraged maintained schools and it cannor control them. The schools are acting for their own prestige rather than for the good of the community."

The school responds that its selective admissions will bring in just three boys from outside

Roger Sheffield, the headmaster, explains that his school changed both in response to demand and to keep up with its neighbours. "Bromley,"

says, "is an area where there is a demand for selection. If other schools in the borough have selection. I am left with little choice because of the parental view that any-

thing with the word selection attached to it is better. It is a bit like the domino theory. If one goes, they all go."

He said the real problems started with the Greenwich Judgment, a ruling the Liberal Democrats have pledged to overturn. The LibDems also want grant-maintained schools to come back under the control of "light-touch" decide whether the schools can

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Such was the outcry in



Bromley over Hayes School's move to 25 per cent selection, that it made Sir John Hunt. the area's Tory MP. "very angry". Asked by his local paper whether people should vote Labour, he said: "That is a decision they must make for themselves. I wouldn't want to

influence them in any way. Sir John has just retired. By coincidence, the Tory candidate for the new seat of Bromley and Chislehurst is Eric Forth, a Minister for Education since 1992.

Mr Forth robustly defends the changes to schools on his new patch. Parents, he says. like selection and the greater freedom they have to apply to different schools. "How can you have a system where everyone gets their first choice?" he adds. "I have never understood this line of argu-

"If you give the opportunity to express a preference, which is what the statute says, nationally 90 per cent happily ob-

tain their first preference." The Conservatives had no plans to overturn the Greenwich Judgment because that would be "completely incompatible with the thrust of rant-maintained status". Nor grant-maintained status". Nor did he see as a problem the extra effort parents now have to make to understand each

school's admissions policy. "I don't think it is a weakness to expect parents to make an effort," he says. "It is a strength. We have always laid a great deal of importance on the ability of parents to take an active interest in their children's education."

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#### Phil Revell reports on a ground-breaking Internet boost for education Softly, softly TWELVE-YEAR-OLD Gary Burgess is working on a homework project and decides that further research is school spins a necessary. Last year his parents bought a personal computer with this in mind, so Gary uses his PC to log on to the Internet and suris the World Wide Web looking for web for parents the information. and students The scene could be repeat-



vice. Mr Burgress had experienced problems getting reliterial on the Web, but Mr able access from CompuServe Burgess says the Fallibroome and took the decision to service has solved this. "It was a concern, children are "I saw it as supporting the inquisitive, but the school has school in a tangible way," he blocked all the unsavoury There was also the point that children do not

Using WebTrack software, the school can control access to the site in a way a commercial provider might find difficult. During lessons, for Many parents are con- example, the school blocks access to all games sites, an

option that would not be open to many other providers. The software also allows the school to monitor access. If parents are concerned about their children's Internet usage, a record exists of all the sites visited.

Fallibroome High became a technology college in 1995 and the associated funding allowed the grant-maintained school to invest heavily in information technology. Nick

Aymes, an lT co-ordinator, says the Internet is an important learning resource as well as a way of cementing links with parents. Plans include offering Web pages to local companies wanting to market their products and IT classes for adults featuring Internet skills.

As a subscriber, Mr Burgess pays the school £14 a month, which is comparable to fees charged by commer-cial providers. The family uses the service about three hours a week and telephone charges are significant.

AN INITIATIVE by the cable companies could change all that. The companies are offering schools fixed-rate unlimited access. For less than £10 a week, a school can lease a dedicated telephone line. Fallibroome is investigating the possibilities of cable. The school's leased line costs £8,500 a year.

Parents would also welcome the possibilities of cable. Local phone calls between cable subscribers are free and Mr Burgess sees that as "an even bigger advantage".

In the near future it will be possible for Mr Burgess to access his children's records at the school, to get test results or to check their general progress. Passwords would protect the information from unauthorised access. Mr Aymes says: "The technology simply makes it easier to keep parents in contact with their children's schooling."

#### The last single-sex college in Oxford is poised for an historic step. However, the proposed admittance of male academics as full members of St

Hilda Brown on an historic step at Oxford

Why St Hilda's

needs some men

Hilda's College is not so alarming or radical as supporters of single-sex education might suppose. Firmly pledged to remaining in the unique position of admitting only women as undergraduates, the college is still dediprinciple at stake. cated to the education of women. The

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planned move is at senior level only, opening the fellowship to men and women.

As a result of its single-sex status. St Hilda's is left with only four fellows in science. The normal number would be about ten. It has none in key areas of the physical sciences, such as chemistry, where it once had two, and engineering.

To maintain a respectable balance between arts and science subjects, it has been forced to make short-term arrangements, in many cases appointing men as tutors.

The college now has several options. It can continue to make do. It can decide to discontinue offering these subiects, or it can resolve to participate fully in the university's normal joint appointments procedures, thereby gaining access to tenured posts associated with fellowships.

The latter option would provide its undergraduates with the range, continuity and quality of teaching taken for granted in other Oxford colleges, and bring financial benefit from the substantial funding that accompanies such posts. Such a move will liberate the college from the complex, frustrating and some-times humiliating manoeuvres with which it has had to grapple since the full implications of equal opportunities legis-lation hit Oxford in 1992, turning the joint

applications system into a lottery for St Hilda's. University appointments have to be open to both sexes, and posts allocated to St Hilda's have not yielded a single appointee. Either men were appointed or the successful women opted to take the appointment at another (mixed) college. As a college with only 100 years of history, St Hilda's, though poor by the

standards of very rich colleges, is not at the bottom of Oxford's "poverty league". Over the past ten years, when it started to worry about the declining prospects of

obtaining joint appointments in the natural sciences, the college raised funding for three key posts, thus effectively subsidising university science departments. This ensured that female academics were appointed. But such a policy cannot be regarded as a practical solution or a desirable long-term aim.

To bring the fellowship up to full

strength in the sciences would require at least six appointments at the present going rate of about \$1 million a post. But there is a more important point of

To "privatise" all its science teaching. St Hilda's would effectively be withdrawing from full participation in the university of which it is a constituent part. It would also, arguably, be going against the grain of its own history. The early struggles of women at Oxford were directed towards recognition as full members of the university, and recognition meant partici-

pation in the larger body that is the university. These women were not self-consciously trying to preserve their "distinctive identity", which can be just another form of ghetto.

Landmarks on the way to recognition included the award of degrees after the First World War, and the achievement of collegiate status in the late 1950s. With the latter came the benefits of participating in the joint appointments system.

With the growth of science and the final phasing out of the pre-war college laboratories, the university set up lecturerships in the science departments. Meanwhile, arts subjects were served by other joint appointments, known as CUF (Common University Fund) lecturerships. Women fellows became eligible for such appointments in the late 1950s.

A period of comparative prosperity, expansion and high academic achievement for the women's colleges followed and it has been described by historians as golden age. This came to an end in the 1970s with

the move towards co-residential colleges. In bowing to necessity, the St Hilda's fellowship does not see its position in a tragic light, but rather as an opportunity to protect its right to participation, which has long been the college's prime aim.

The college's unique identity will be preserved by the admission of male fellows, and its academic credibility strengthened: we can have confidence in the future. I am sure there will be relief among the friends of the college and even some quiet rejoicing.

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# Wimbledon rejects equal pay claims

WIMBLEDON has, once again, refused to give equal prize-money to men and women, although the total cash awards for the 1997 championships have risen by 6.5 per cent compared with last year to a record E6,884,952.

The announcement by the All England Club yesterday disappointed the Women's Tennis Association (WTA). which has been lobbying for equal pay at Wimbledon for many years. There will be a disparity of £411,130 between the two prize funds this year.

The WTA stated yesterday: "There is a worldwide boom in women's tennis because of increased depth in fields and the rise of our young stars. In each of the last four years, the women's final has been the most dramatic of all the matches during the fortnight. while in each of the last six years, the women have consistently delivered more seeded players through to the quar-

The WTA has repeatedly argued that the same amount of money should be paid to both sexes from the quarterfinals onwards. Of the grandslam events, the US Open has had equal prize-money for the men's and women's winners since 1973, while the Australian Open has usually followed the same policy in recent years.

However, John Curry, the chairman of the All England Club, defended Wimbledon's policy. "We decided there was no good reason to change where we are," he said. "It is still the public's view that it prefers men's matches to women's. Tickets for men's matches are still in much higher demand and we have also looked at the television viewing figures."

This year the men's singles champion will receive

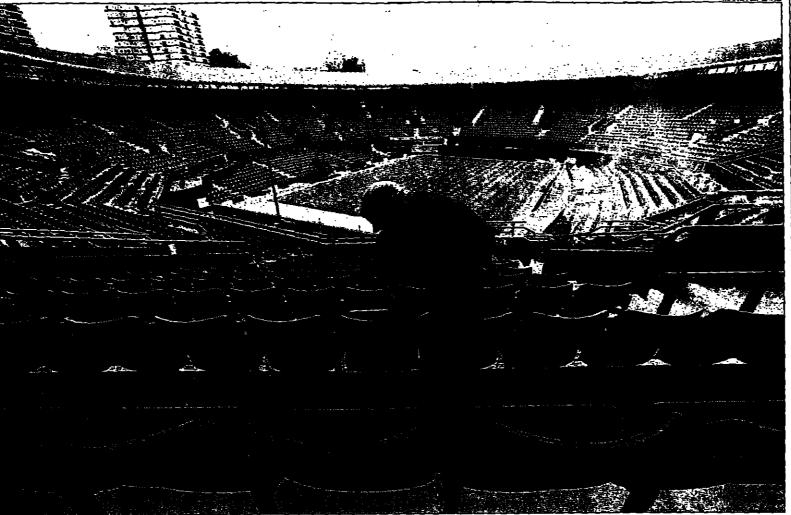
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The new 11.000 capacity No 1 Court has a similar design to Centre Court and will allow more people to obtain tickets through the public ballot

£415,000 and the women's will get £373,500, increases of 5.7 per cent on the figures from last year. The women's singles final last year, between Steffi Graf and Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, was watched by 6.9 million television viewers in Britain, while 9.8 million saw the men's final, between Richard Krajicek and MaliVai

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the 167 countries that screened the championships and where viewing figures are available. Curry also said that he spoke daily to spectators at the championships and had found that the No I attraction was Andre Agassi and the next most popular player was Goran İvanisevic

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opened on June 23, the first day of the championships. It is remarkably similar to Centre Court and the extra capacity has largely been allo-cated to the public ballot. The total capacity for all the courts at Wimbledon is now

The No I Court is part of a massive rebuilding plan for the site that includes a new centre on the site of the old

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32,000

No 1 Court that will house facilities for the players and the media, and is due to be open for 2000.

The All England Club wants to maintain its status in tennis and its ability to generate more profit than any other annual international sports event staged in Britain. The number of people applying for tickets through the public ballot continues to increase

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people making applications. The organisers confirmed that there would be no changes in the softness of the balls and are content that the big-serving strategy of the leading men will not spoil the championships. Changes in the pressure of the balls at the Australian Open earlier this year were criticised by players

annually, with 5 per cent more

RUGBY UNION COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP First division: London Irish 25 Leicester 18 Second division: Blackheeth 10 Newcastle

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## SPORTS LETTERS

## Challenges of the marathon

From Mr Michael Davies Sir, Male swimmers reckon to make a significant reduction in drag through the water by removal of body hair, thus gaining vital milliseconds. Liz McColgan would surely not have lost the London Marathon by a mere second if she had not been supporting a near-vertical bobbing hairstyle, whose inertia effect through the air over 26 miles would have been considerable.

Yours truly, MICHAEL DAVIES, The Forest, Benenden.

From Mr Ben Goss Sir. As I returned to teach, hobbling slightly from carry-ing my 17 stone around the London Marathon, I needed to look no further than the spirit

and qualities shown by all

involved in this magnificent event for renewed inspiration. The organisers, the police, the paramedics, the support-ers and, above all, the runners showed in abundance the spirit of goodness that pervades so much of our society. The qualities of professional ism in its truest form, of determination, compassion, harmony, support for fellow beings, camaraderie and the joy of living were in great

abundance.
All wonderful illustrations as I face a new term, the general election and the challenge of life. What other challenges show this spirit of goodness?

Yours faithfully. B. C. GOSS, Director of Services, Gordonstoun School, Elgin, Moray.

#### Other man's goal

From Mrs Patsy McIntyre Sir, Your listing "Fallers at the last — the six third division FA Cup semi-finalists" (early editions, April II) was incorrect. In 1937 Millwall played Sun-derland at Leeds Road, Huddersfield, and, yes, the final score was 2-1 for Sunderland. However, my father, Patsy Gallacher, scored the winner, not tiny Hughie Gallacher --

he played for Newcastle United in the Twenties and early Thirties before joining Chelsea.

With the rivalry between Newcastle and Sunderland I need hardly indicate that a player from the Tyne taking the praise does not go down too well in Sunderland.

Yours sincerely, PATSY McINTYRE, 9 The Lawns, Whitburn, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

#### Suitable case

From Professor J. M. Lynch Sir, The BT Global Challenge yacht race is a superb test of the crews. Our university has a member on board the boat Commercial Union and we have been carrying out nutri-

tional studies on the crew. Chay Blyth, the organiser, recently treated us to an excellent lecture on the race: it prompted my colleagues to consider the opportunities for scientific and medical investigation that human groups under such stressed but relatively controlled conditions provide.

Yours faithfully, I.M. LYNCH, School of Biological Sciences, University of Surrey, Guildford. Surrey.

#### When he's 64

From Mr Magnus K. Moodie Sir, Peter Schmeichel's remark (report, April 9) that the present Manchester United team would beat that of 1968 10-0 brings to mind a story about Bill Shankly, the former Liverpool manager. When asked whether Tony

Currie (the then wonder kid of English football) was "as good as your idol, Tom Finney?", Shankly replied completely deadpan: "Aye, sure. But you have to bear in mind that Tom Finney is 64 now." Yours sincerely.
MAGNUS K. MOODIE,

60 Columba Road, Edinburgh 4.

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TODAYS FIXTURES FOOTBALL Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

GILBERT LEAGUE OF WALES: Flint Town v Bangor City. RUGBY LEAGUE

Nationwide League

First division loswich v Norwich (7.45)

ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP: Hull Kings-ton Rovers v Selford. CRICKET

Tetley's Shield 110, first day of four EDGBASTON: England A v The Res 11.0, third day of four HEADINGLEY; Yorkshire v Lancashi 11.30, first day of three THE PARKS: Oxford University v

OTHER SPORT BADMINTON: Friends Provider Start (at Redoridge).

League Knockout Cup: Arera Essex Long Eaton (8.0): Edinburgh v Stoke (8.0) Oxford v Skegness (8.0) Amateur League Peterborough v Mildenheil (7.0)

# • HEEHAN on BRIDGE

#### By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

The next few Refreshers will be on the subject of discarding. You only have to play out a long suit and watch your opponents take more and more time over each successive discard to see how difficult most players find it. Fortunately there are some general principles. The one illustrated by today's hand is the importance of maintaining parity with dummy's long suit; that is, keeping as many cards in that suit as dummy has. North-South game

Dealer South

**♦KQJ10 47654 ⊕** Q 10 7

+KQ32 #952 **•A93** 

¥J1097 +J 10 ₩KJ64 **VAKQ4** +A98

Contract: Three No-Trumps. Lead: king of spades

**₽A83** 

South opens Two No-Trumps showing 20-22 points and a balanced hand, and North raises to Three No-Trumps. South holds up his ace of spades until the third round, and then plays three rounds of hearts, leaving West to find a discard. Even in a weak game, if West held JlOxx in diamonds he would not discard the suit. But here West would simply note that this club holding was stronger than his diamonds, and discard a small diamond. Now declarer has four tricks in that suit and

makes his contract. A stronger player in the West seat would realise the danger of letting a diamond go, and with misgivings dis-card a club. That might be wrong, but the declarer's failure to play on diamonds early is quite significant — he is

likely to have the ace. In an expert game West would discard a club with no problem at all. East would have played the five of spades on the first round of the suit to show an odd number of spades; then on the second round he would play the six to show interest in a lowerranking suit. So when South turns up with three top hearts West can interpret East's six of spades as showing strength in clubs and thus denying hold-

ing the ace of diamonds. With West keeping four diamonds declarer can only make three tricks in the suit, despite the fail of the jack and ten, and has to go down in Three No-Trumps. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in

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WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard By Raymond Keene

section on Saturday.

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**OPISTHENAR** a. Bottom oarsman on trireme b. The day before yesterday c. Back of the hand

**UXORIOUS** a. Rising early

a. A river of Hell b. Rhetorical repetition Wind in bowels NAPALM a. The edible palm

b. Profligate c. Loving a wife



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Short's success

In spite of a muted overall performance in the elite tournament at Dos Hermanas in Spain, Britain's Nigel Short did have the satisfaction of winning one of the most brilliant games. In the following victory against Miguel Illescas, the Spanish grandmaster, Short became involved in a classic race between White's queenside pressure and Black's counterattack on the other wing.

As Illescas's offensive gradually ran out of steam Short powered through with a vicious assault in the g-file embellished with a number of neat tactical points involving a knight sacrifice. Ironically, Short's initiative had become so overwhelming towards the end that he was even able to combine his kingside attack with some attractive tactical pirouettes on the queen's flank, which had earlier been

White's target. White: Miguel Illescas Black: Nigel Short Dos Hermanas, April 1997

Ruy Lopez NES Bb5 0-0 Res c3 c4 c5

Black to play. This position is

from the game Popovic -

Pinter, Austria 1997. Here, the

white position is passive but.

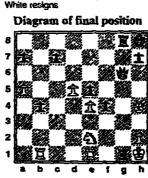
thanks to his strongly placed

knights, it appears solid enough. How did Black show

that is not the case with an

energetic continuation?

g4 Kh8 Rg6 chc5 Bxc5 Nxc5 b6 Ce7 gxt3 Nxb8 Cg7 Rg2 Cg6 b4 OI2 Rbb1 Oh4 Nc3 Re1



After 36 Rxgl Qxe4+ forces a quick mate or if 36 Nxgl Qg2

Times book The Times Winning Moves 2 contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from book-shops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing). ☐ Raymond Keene writes on ches Menday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

(Wildennesse) by P. Linia S.Osborn (Linification Royal Wintbledon) 19th hole. B. J. F. and G. Taylor (Thorpe Hell) by BE and A. Pinroo (West Hell) and E. J. And A. Baldwist Hell) and E. J. And A. Baldwist Hell) and East Berkel by M. M. and P. Lawson (Stonehalm and Hockley) 19th hole. R. W. and I. Atto. (Worpleston) for P. and S. Smith (Substant) and C. J. A. Land A. Smith (Highwoods) by J. B. C. and W. Alfanson (Biarlop's Storthord) 2 and 1. (H. F. and G. Bowlew (Addineston and D. yall Blockheeth). Lord (Northernocombines) bit D FR and A lord (Northernocombine) 4 and 3 Fourth round: Baster bit and Bast. Rewden 4 and 3 Remay bit Elliot 1 hole: Tragger bit and Walker 4 and 3; Balchen bit Tayfor 3 and 2; Autre bit Smith 6 and 5; Betta bit and Frindley 4 and 5; Bratchury bit Davis 1 hole. Specially bit Home 3 and 5.

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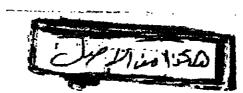
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CHANGING TIMES



## Walsh fails drug test

By JOHN GOODBODY

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TIME

DAVID WALSH, who rode Barton Bank into second place behind Mr Mulligan in the Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup last month, has been found positive for an amphetamine after a drug test at Huntingdon racecourse on February 27.

Walsh, who denies that he ever took a stimulant. now faces a hearing before the disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club and a possible ban from the sport.

The Jockey Club has suspended two riders since the introduction of random drug tests in 1994. Sean McCarthy, a Flat apprentice, was banned for two months and Darren Salter, a conditional jockey, was stood down for three weeks.

Walsh, 22, attached to Nigel Twiston-Davies's stable is leading in the conditional riders' championship with 28 winners, having lost his right to claim last November. He has ridden 14 winners for Martin Pipe this term.

RACING: WIN FOR STOUTE-TRAINED COLT ADDS WEIGHT TO HORRIS HILL FORM

## Desert Story books Guineas place

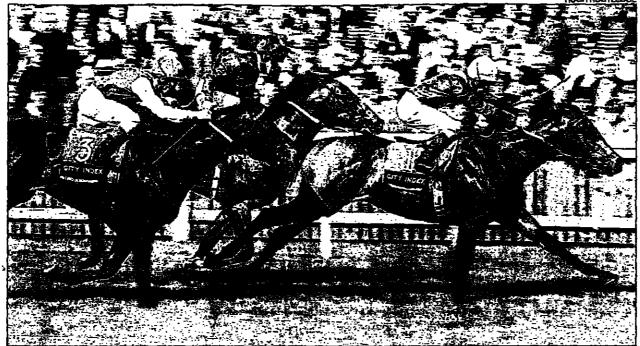
BY JULIAN MUSCAT

THE Horris Hill Stakes is seen as something of a consolation prize but last year's renewal threatens to exert a profound influence on this season. Hidden Meadow, third at Newbury, burst into the 2,000 Guineas picture Inere on Wednesday and Desert Story, the winner last October, did likewise with a victory in the City Index Craven Stakes at Newmarket yesterday.

Expertly ridden by Mick Kinane, Desert Story won only guarded respect from bookmakers after he finished too strongly for Grapeshot and Cape Cross. This appeared a far stronger contest than the Free Handicap an-nexed by Hidden Meadow, yet Desert Story, 14-1 for the 2.000 Guineas, now trails lan Balding's representative in the betting on the one-mile classic.

One man prepared to enliven the muted reception was Michael Stoute. The handi-capper had these horses close together on their juvenile form and that's how it proved," the trainer said. But my horse did little wrong last year. He gave them all 3lb here and goes into the Guineas with a very good chance."

What Stoute was not prepared to relate was how Desert Story measures up to



Desert Story, ridden by Kinane, draws clear to land the City Index Craven Stakes at Newmarket yesterday

his stablemate. Entrepreneur. the Derby favourite, who may yet tackle the 2,000 Guineas en route to Epsom. But that did not stop William Hill pre-empting Stoute by cutting Entrepreneur to 8-1 from two points longer. Entrepreneur worked after racing yesterday.

While Grapeshot is to by-

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HOM DOPLORIER (D. Amorth ) Raktone 6-7

HEDEWING: (Sheath Manument) 1 5:::den 9-0
9- RIGHT WING 184 (Land Chebes) W Hern 9-0
9- ROYAL CASTLE 161 (Land Wenctock) W Hern 9-0
9- WALK ON BY 176 (S Laienzen) R Hannen 9-0
9- BINT ROSE 172 (N Scandren) M Fetherston-Bodley 8-9
6- GRAPEVINE: 191 (N Sangstei) P Chapite-Hyon 8-9
9- MAZARA 18 (B) (Lambour Valley) A Foster 8-9
MIGHTY R.OW (Mrs. V Tory) Mrs. P Dutheld 8-9
MILLY OF THE VALLY (Corputer South M Cecil 8-9

1996: ASR OLEST 9-0 Par Eddery (100-35) R Charllon 11 ran

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BETTRUS: 9-2 Sex-Deer, 7-1 Eastern Product: 9-1 Dashing Blue: Samusal, 10-1 To The Roof, Midnight Ecape, 12-1 That Blan Agant, 14-1 Amazong Bay Hoth Return: 16-1 others

1996: ANZIO 5-8-7 R (policine (6-1) Mes G hellestry 13 ian

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DASHING BLUE '41 2nd of 13 to Dashing Blue in familicap of Sandown (5), good) HELLO MESTER 131 9th of 10 to Rembling Bear in Kidel race at Interfets (6), good to limit) TO THE ROOF 351-2nd of 13 to Shanghai Gul in handscap at Domaster (5), good) MEMBRIST ESCAPE beat Lego to Watano '41 in handscap at Naminaries (5), good) Sandown Membrist ESCAPE beat Lego to Watano '41 in handscap at Interfets (6) him on penutimals start Selection. TO THE ROOF

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MASS UNP (W Mario) P Matchell 8-11
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MASS TEPR HELL (Fabrus Mohammer) J Gordon 8-11

MYSTERY HILL (Sheuh Mohammoth) 5 doden 8-11
NANDUCHE (Sasse Stud) J Cunlop 8-11
PRIMA (While Box 1 th) G Lews 8-11
COUNTY 1 AND 1 AN

SELFISH (I. Marinopoulos) N Cecil 8-11 ST RADEGUND (A Opperfusive) & Wragg 8-11...

5.10 LEVY BOARD SEVENTH HANDICAP (£5.394 2m) (12 runners)

12 (4) 4/405/1 DORGERSE 29 (5) (I Guzci B McKalmon 5-7-10 N Caristi BETTIME: 9-4 Lanon Can 5-1 Top Coes. 6-1 Zatorum 7-1 (Lonzing Cavalier, Capitalin Justi, 10-1 others 1996: IADASTROF 6-8-3 Dane O'Heill (5-1) R Dictor 8 ran

BETTING: 11-4 Selich 100-30 Maysing Hall, 6-1 Murgic Hall 7-1 Real Kal Ratio, 8-1 Nanouche, 10-1 others.

1995, SATIN BELL B-11 R Hughes (14-1) J Dankop 17 ran

SCEPTRE LARY (Sceptic Recorg) & Hills 6-11

Long handicap: Nr Bergerat B-3 Str Jory B-3

4.40 BRIDGET MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0 fillies: £3,980: 71) (19 runners)

603 (12) 804 (2) 505 (1) 506 (6) 607 (16) 608 (5) 609 (17) 610 (19) 611 (6) 612 (11) 613 (10) 614 (3) 515 (14)

(Group III: 3-Y-O fillies: £20,400: 71 64yd) (10 runners)

pass the 2,000 Guineas in

ARETHUSA 51 4th of 8 to Pac De Reponze in Stadwell Stad Cheveley Park States at Neumanel (St. good) ATTIME 14th 4th of 10 to Stive Pauach at Island race at Neumanie (1m. 27, good) BIANGA MERA 4kt 4th of 13 to Bretan in Pru Marcel Bouseas at Lomptonamo (1m. good to 201) with DANCE PARADE 121 11th Previously BIANGA NERA band ARETHUSA neck in 9-numer States at York (6), good to lam) with SEEDE (31b better off) 3d 3rd and WELL

favour of a Derby preparation, Cape Cross delighted his trainer, John Gosden, in taking third, less than a length away. Like Desert Story, Cape Cross appeared short of peak fitness and was in danger of becoming detached after a tardy start but, after travelling strongly. finished with zest. "He missed three weeks

WARNED 9'-1 8th. BLUES DUEEN 7'-51 7th of 9 to Boyum in Issaid race at Newbury (7' 100y, soft). CALYPSO GRANT beat Lyciby 1'-51 in Issaid race at Nempton 11m, good) SEPBE 2'-34' and of 10 to Indian Rockel in Boruspint Mill Red Stakes (61, good to firm), SLEEPYTIME 1'-51' 3rd of 8 to Reams Of Verse in Filies Mille at Accord (1m. good) SUPERCAL beat body Dawn 1'-61 in 11-runner handicap at Nempton 161, good) Selection: SLEEPYTIME

BBC2

M Roberts 83
K Barley 96
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Paul Eddery

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D Harrson
A Whelan (3)
M Roberts

Marin Duyer (3) D () Donottue (3) R Hills

in February with a muscular problem so I was delighted with that," Gosden said.

The disappointment was Monza, who, on his trainer's account, raced erratically because of a problem with his eyesight. Nevertheless, Monza's run did not augur well for his galloping companion. Revoque, who trials for the

2,000 Guineas at Newbury

Ben Hanbury believes he has a talented colt in Fahris. who created the first ripples in the Derby market when pounding clear in the Greene King Feilden Stakes. Hanbury described him as "the first genuine Derby horse I have ever had".

## Longer trip to suit Ghataas

NEWBURY BBC2

2.40: Tigrello was an excellent second to the wellregarded Minersville at Newcastle 18 days ago. Amid Albadu ended last season with consecutive successes and still appears reasonably treated. Well drawn and with Denori booked to ride, he should be thereabours. Noble Dane may have been let in lightly after

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Nap: GHATAAS (3.40 Newbury) Next best: St Radegund (4.40 Newbury)

winning a Haydock maiden in October. Shoumatara was a shade disappointing last term, but has strengthened up over the winter and has been working nicely at

3.10: Sleepytime was arguably the unluckiest big-race loser of last season, behind Reams Of Verse in the Fillies' Mile at Ascot, and the 1,000 Guineas favourite can gain compensation here. The progressive Bianca

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Nera, winner of the Lowther and Moyglare Stud Stakes, has wintered particularly well and is an imposing individual but will be better for the race. Arethusa and Seebe were beaten less than a length by Bianca Nera at York, but Seebe is 3lb better off here and may pose the biggest danger.

3.40: Ghataas was beaten a neck on his only start last term by Poteen, who subsequently advertised the value of that form, most recently when winning at Newmarket on Tuesday. The Sadler's Wells colt is a Derby entry and will be much more at home over this trip. Right Wing, who showed promise on his only start last term. looks best of the rest.

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## NEWBURY

2.10 King Darius

THUNDERER 3.40 Redbridge

4.10 Mr Bergerac 4.40 St Radegund 2.40 Amid Albadu 3.10 Seebe

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.10 DANCING CAVALIER.

Our Newmarket Correspondent 3.10 SLEEPYTIME (nap). 4.40 Kool

#### GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (17.7) 0-0432 6000 TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) Odrs D Robinson) B Hall G-10-0 \_ 8 West (4) 88 Racecaro' number. Draw in brackets. Str-figure term (F - Iadl. P - publed up U - uncedted older B - brought down. S - subpied on R - refused. D - disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last . subring. J ut pumps. F il Rat. (B - blinkers V - wasor H - Droot E - Eversheld. C -- coonse wither. D - distance winder CD --

gourse and distance winner. SF -- beaten lawourile in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — lim, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soil, good to soil, heavy). Owner in brackets Trainer, Age and weight. Pider plus any allowence The Times Private Handicapper's nating

GOING: GLOOD TO FIRM TOTE JACKPOT MEETING DRAW: 5F-1M STR, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2	1N	BECKHAMPTON HOVICE STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,818: 5f) (9 runners)
101	(3)	67 WREXIN PILOT 20 (D,G) (Nimning Team) R Hannon 9-4 Dame O'Neill (
182	(6)	CHIP'S (Lucayan Soud) D Elementh 8-12
103	13)	CHILISTO (in Touch Racing Club) P Chapple-Hyam 8-12 J Raid
104	m	KENNET (Mass M Fasser) P Coundell 8-12 R Perform
105	(9)	KSNG DARIUS (J Perry) R.Hazmon 8-12
		(7) LIVERGSTONE 27 (Select Partnership) C Divines 8-12
106	(5)	MIJANA (N Moured) J Gorden 8-12 L Deston
197	(6)	HILPSIA (R MODEO) J GOSDEI 6-12
108	(4)	6 ROYAL INTERVIEW 20 (Gap Partners) M Charmon 8-12 T Quinn
109	Hi	DISTRICTLY LELLE (E Houghton) J Moore 8-7 A Falkin
BETTE	NG 7-41	Magane , 5-2 Chunho. 100-30 Wirekon Piliol, 8-1 King Dartos, 12-1 Royal Interview, 14-1 Chips. 16

1996 · DAYLIGHT IN DUBAL 9-0 K Darley (Evens law) P Chapple-Hyam 13 ran

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	211	(9)			
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	214	(11)	2535-	MAYR ( NWER 192 (The Queen)   Baking 8-6 k Darley	ē
	215	(10)		SWORD ARM 20 (V.D.G) (A Oppenherner) R Charter 8-4 T Sprake	
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## 3.40 PETER SMITH MEMORIAL MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,110: 1m 3f 5yd) (19 runners) 412 (10) 413 (19) 417 (4) 418 (15) 419 (18) BETTING 9-4 Shatses, 4-1 Catchable, 6-1 Redomage 8-1 KMT, Of the Yeally During, 9-1 Personal 10-1 Grapewing 16-1 others 4.10 NEWBURY RACECOURSE SHOPPING ARCADE RATED HANDICAP

. K.Fallon 94 JRand 90 . R.Hans, 95	Haytiock (71, solt). PENTAD Graf licel by Duest For   Notinghton (1m, good) Fame, entered in Derby RIGHT WING 11%) and of   Selection: GHATANS
A Hoghes 97 D Harrson 88 M Hills 89 Pat Eddery 93	4.10 NEWBURY RACECOURSE SHOPPING ARCADE RATED (£8,380, 5f) (20 runners)
k Darley 91	501 (5) 064032- DASHBIG BLUE 230 (D.F.G.) (Mrs. D.Allem I Baiding 4-9-7
TSprake 🖼	502 (4) 2/50560- HELLO MISTER 321 (D.F.G.S.) (B Mattern T Powell 6-9-6 P I
., M Henry (3) 91	503 (9) 600022- TO THE ROOF 174 (D.F.G) (Mr. P. Harres P. Harres 5-9-6
. K Parlish (7) 91	504 (11) 020230- AMAZING BAY 201 (CD.F) (Lady Halita)   Balding 4-9-5
R Perham 92	505 (14) 32054-D WARKING TIME 27 (D.F.G.) IF Wilson) B Meehan 4-9-2
, 12-1 Shoumatara, 16-1	506 (8) 110001- MEDINGHT ESCAPE 181 (D.F.G) (M. Arcra) C Wall 4-9-2
	507 (G) 3/120- MAJOR CHALITY 307 (D.F) (Nr. N. Wat) J Fanctuare 4-9-1
	508 (17) 412200- SAMWAR 176 (B) (Mayron Ltd) Mars 6 Nelloway 5-9-0
	509 (13) 0/61303- HOH RETURNS 300 (F) (D Alipor) M Bell 4-9-11
	510 (1) 01-2626 BOLD EFFORT 28 (B.F.G.S) (A Richards) F. C. Brown 5-8-9
'	511 (16) 1/20000- REPERTORY 176 (D.G.) (M. Saunders) M. Saunder: 4-8-9
d Newcastle (1m, good)	512 (2) 200000- BOWDEN ROSE 174 (B.D.F.G) (G Balley) M Blanshard 5-8-9
to Minersville in malden	513 (7) 114/40- DEPRECIATE 321 (G) /V Bedicy: C James 4-8-9
to firm) NOBLE DANE	514 (18) 406000 THAT MAN AGAIN 181 (D.F.G.) IJ Pully 1 S Williams 5-8-7
mer marden at Haydock	515 (18) 504325- KILVINE 258 (G) (N Daumai) W Hangas 4-8-6
-	516 (19) 00505-1 EASTERN PROPHETS 18 (D.F.S) (Mrs. J Purches) G Lewis 4-3-5
	517 (15) 0000-32 SEA-DEER 18 (CD.BF.F.G.SI (M Foulger) ( Dayes 8-8-5
	518 (3) 223020- WHITE EMIR 188 (O.F.S.) (Three Bears) 8 Meeting 4-8-5
	519 (20) 220000 MR BERGERAC 132 (D.F.G.S) IP John B Palling 6-8-4
•	520 (12) 0030-00 SIR JOEY 18 (D.F.G.S) (Nar. A Sinz.) P Murphy 8-8-4
_	Long handicap: NA Begerat B-3 Str John B-3

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#### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Newmarket

Going, good to firm
2.00 (1m 3h 1, RIMER'S SOURCE (Pat Edder), 9-1), 2. Generous Git (0 O'Donohoe, 13-2 lav), 3. Ihthyati (R Huls, 8-1), 4, Saussalin Bay (I. Detroi, 12-1), 4.30 RAN 15-2 Sh Talboi, 10 Marcal, 12 Love Has No Pride, 14 Marules Prince (8th), 16 Bue River (5th), Boid Onantal, Mister Pink, Polar Right, Supreme Sound, 20 Heart Ot Armor, Top Sheft, 25 Fartisti, Sheer Face, 33 Caty Gembler, Princess Topaz, 19 ran NR: Red Embers Shind, shind, shind, 11 Billis at Lembourn Tole, 29,40, 52,50, 21 80, 53,00, 52,60, DF 523,00 The 265 90 CSF (57,28 Tricast, C460 74, 2mm 68 725ec. Going, good to firm

08 72-sec. 230 (1m 1t) 1, FAHRIS (F Hills, 7-1), 2, Panarina City (J Reid, 10-11, 3, Crimson Tide (M Hills, 5-4 lav) ALSO RAN, 4 Bold Words (Sim), 6 Bermann Sands (4th), 12 Snock Value (6th), 16 Retondite 7 ran, 3, 11, 41, 194, 194, B Hisribury at Newmarkst, Total C7,70; 52,30, 52 10 DF 528,80 CSF 564,29 1min 50 57 sec.

164.29 Imm 50.57sec.
3.00 (Im) 1. DESERT STORY (M.J. Kinane, S.2 lav, Thunderer's rep), 2. Grapeshot (Pat Eddery, P.2), 3. Cape Cross (I. Dettor, 4-1) ALSO RAN. 11-2 Monta. 8 An Express (Hth), 10 Perham (Bith), 16 Shi-Fale, 33 Rummg Stag (Sh) 8 ran -4, ho. 194, 54, vt. M. Stoute at Newmarket Tote £3.40, ct. 30, ct. 40, ct. 60 (DF: £4.20 CSF: £10.41 imm 38.08sec.

Imm 38.08sec.
3.30 (8) 1. CAPTAIN COLLINS (J Reid, 4-7 lav, The Times Physic Handiscapper's top reting), 2. Mindyan Call (M Roberts, 8-1); 3. Shadoof (Dano C'Neil, 25-1); ALSO RAN-11-2 Britang Timor (4th), 8 Masterplece (5th), 25 Soviet Laader, 50 Blood Orange (8th), Dandy Regent, Hype Superior, Joli's Pimore, Pal Said No. Wonderbow 12 ran 11. Hinds, Pal Said rad, wondersoy 12 ran 11, 51 74, nk, 3% P Chopple-Hyenral Martin Tote £1 60, £1 10, £2,10, £3 90, DF-£5 00 Tho £50,10 CSF, £5 00, 1min 13 77 sec The \$50.10 CSF, £5.00, Imm 13.77sec 4.05 (6f) 1, TREASURE TOUCH (foral Wands, 5-1 p-leav, 2, Refuse To Lose (R Cochrane, 5-1 k-tav), 3, John Emms (M Roberts, 8-1), 4, Plasair O'Amour (Pet Eddery, 13-2), ALSO RAN 9 Ellers Lad (5fin, 10 Marsad, Style Dencer, 12 Cherry Blossom, 14 A Breaze, Papila, Rude Auademing, Yorke George, 20 Enchanting Evo. Ice Age, Salimbanco, 25 Aegean Sound, Ambran (6fin, Seyns And Wonders, 33 Busiman, 19 ran, NR Michight Shift II, nt, 1st, 1st, 1st, 1co CSF, £2.00 Tricast £229.44 Imm 14 08sec.

2229 44 Imm 14 08sec.
4 35 (5) 1, BLANESSET (R Hughes, 5-2 by).
2, Timekseper (M Ferrion, 11-4); 3, Marmora Bay (R Hits, 10-1) ALSO RAN 5 Emperor Naheem (Sth), Henry The Proud (6in) Opposition: Leader (4th) 6 ran NR Disgence 94, 194, ch fi. 2-4, xil R Hammon at East Everlaugh, Tote, C3 00; 21.50, £2 10 DF, £3 70 CSF 199 07 Imm 02 72sec 5.05 (5) 1, SECOND WMDD (T Ourn, 11-2), 2, Arpeggio 4, Deston, 7-17; 3, Miguettan M Darley, 16-11, ALSO RAN 4-6 fev Chietnan (4th), 9-2 Anvil (5th), 14 Risky Whisky (6in), 6 ran Sh hd, sh hd, 3, sh hd, 51 P Cole at Whatcombo, Tote £7,00, £3 10, £2 40 DF, £16 30 CSF £40 00 Imm 03 42sec Jackgor £19,783.70 (0.09 wrming) bickets. Jackpor £19,783.70 (0.09 winning tickets. Pool of £25,365 70 carried forward to Newbury today).

Ayr

Going: good 2.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1. Fiddling The Facts (M A Higgerald, 11-10 (as), 2. Spring Double (2-1); 3. Aver Bay (8-1), 11 (an ×1, 12), N Henderson Tate 21 90, C1 20, 21, 50, 160 0F (2-10 Tine 57 70 CSF 53 13 DF (2.10 Inb 63.70 CSF L3.13 2.50 (2m. dh.1. American Here (8 Storey, 11-4 far), 2. Singing Sand (5-1), 3. Power Pack (3-1), 9 ran, 21, 101 RAllan, Tote 13.00, 11.40, 5.10, 51.20 DF C3.60, Tino 54.40 CSF 513.97

Placepot: 267.40. Quadpot: £2.80.

CSF C13 97
3.20 Cm 41 hdis) 1, Zander IC Llewelyn, 8-11, 2, Red Blazor (4-71av) 3, Shoristaff (100-11 15 tan NR Pot Blackburd, Hd. 21 N Invitation-Parkets Tole 211 30, E2 00, E1 10, E5 70 DF C4 70 Tho C72 20 CSF C12 25 3,50 (3m 11 ch) 1, Nermore-Speed IR Guest, 7-11; 2, Conquar Colonges (7-41av) 3, Canboo Gold (13-2) 14 tan 151, Shifts Smith Tole 26 90, E1 90, E1 90, E2 90 DF C13 90 Tho C8 00 CSF C16 95 Tileast E79 39
4 55 Cm 51 110rd cto 1, Gaelle Blaze IR

279.39
4.25 (2m 5) 110yd ch) 1. Gaelic Blue IR
Guest, 9-21, 2. Nicholas Flant (10-1), 3.
kays Sermon (16-1), Red Branch 3-1 (av 13ran 1R Menthysrownbusiness Hd, 41 Mis S
Smith Tote C4 80, 62-00, 63-40 £4-00 DF
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5612-60. 2512.60.
4.55 (2m hdle) 1, Teejay'n'altch (S Taylor, 6-1), 2, Parson's Lodge (14-1); 3, Latin Leader (14-1), Suddew Samba 5-1 lav. 14 ran. 3:1, 5; J. Goldie 16:6: 68:00 62:00, 52:70, 55:50 DF: 65:90 Tho 126:50 (part wor. Pool of 62:55:99 cained lorward in 4-10 Newbury) CSF, 658:26. Tricast. 51:06:24.

Placepor: £93.60. Quadpot: £70.80.

Ripon Going: good to time

2.10 (\$11.1, Occin) Vendi (J. Weaver, 15-8 tav). 2. Hrdl Bridge (11-11, 3, Proce (4-1), 8 ran 51.1) M. Johnston Tote 52 70, 51 10, 54 30, 51 60 DF: 628 70 Tro 631.40, CSF-623 60 2.40 (5) 1. Anselman (G Carter, 2-1 lav): 2. Come Savage (9-2), 3. Palacegate Touch (3-1) 9 ran Shind, 25// J Berry, Tote C2 70 c1 50, £1 40, £1 50 DF £5.30 Title £3 70 CSF £9.69

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Quadrot: £6 30.

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THUNDERER 2.00 Solomon's Dancer, 2.30 KING PIN (nap), 3.00 Marello. 3.30 Cumbrian Challenge, 4.00 Tribune. 4.30 Jigtime. 5.00 Forzair. Carl Evans: 4.30 Jigtime.

2.00 HAMILTON CAMPBELL ILPH NOVICES CHASE (£5,478; 3m 1f) (9 runners)

1 211P CHOPWELL CURTAINS 14 (8,0.F.G) T Easterby 7-11-13 2 4TF1 GEMS LAD 121 (D.F.G) Mr. S. Smith 10-11-12 ... H. Guest 63
3 1222 SOLOMON'S DANCER 43 (B.F.G) B Retards 7-11-12 ... R Guest 63
4 F1U BEAR CLAW 14 (B.S) O Shermond 8-11-7 ... J Obhorne 65
5 0315 BRIGHT DESTINY 18 (D.S.) J Goldie 6-11-7 ... G Cahill 51
6 02R1 FRIENDLY KINGSTI 25 (G.S.) J Haldene 7-11-7 ... A S. Smith 59
7 03P3 BALLYDOUSAN 23 (M) 8 Halber 9-11-2 ... J Railon 72
9 BACM CAS'S BREEZY 55 C Marm 7-11-2 ... J Railon 72
9 BCSP SLIDEOPHILL 37 J 10-81 8-11-2 ... A P McCoy 59
14 Solomon's Penter 7-4 flow Charles 4 Colomon's Part of Solomon's Penter 7-4 flow Charles 4 Colomon's Penter 7-4 flow Charles 4 Charles 10-11-12 ... A P McCoy 59

5-4 Solomon's Dancer, 7-4 Bear Claw. 5-1 Chopwell Curtains, 12-1 Bright Destury, 14-1 Gems Lad, SRideofinil, Easy Breezy, 20-1 others. 2.30 EVELYN MATTHEWS MEMORIAL NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,220: 2m 4l) (18)

10 0541 MARLET 39 (E.5) N Terison-Daves 7-10-5 Mr J Goldstein (7) 93
11 0332 MORRETER 18 (BF.F) D Nicholson 6-10-5 ... R Jahnson 87
12 42BP CHARLEY LAMBERT 17 J Mache 6-10-4 ... N Williamson 87
13 2020 JERVALLEX 27 (C.B.F.B) G Rothards 6-10-4 ... M Forster 93
14 1310 PHAR ECHO 20 (CD,C.S.) Lungo 6-10-4 ... M Forster 93
15 1231 MSHAMIRA BF (E.S.) T Barron 5-10-1 . Mr R Thomston (3) 95
16 0P41 HARFDECENT 31 (F) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-0 ... P Nirth 91
17 /55 THE BARGSMAN 42 D Gandello 9-10-0 . Sophile Militale (3) 92
18 -2P0 NASSRAMA 81 M Hammond 6-10-0 ... N Hontocks (7) 77 5-1 King Pm. 6-1 Far Ahead, 7-1 Cotones Blazer, Nasiona, B-1 Lagen Bridge, 10-1 Mahler, Morpheus, Suas Leal, 12-1 others

3.00 ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£4,718. 2m) (8)

1 1111 MARELLO 49 (D.C.S) Mis M Reveley 6-11-10 P Neveo (8)
2 154P DOMENSTON 18 (D.BF.E.G) D Shewtond 7-17-5 J Osborne 75
3 0030 COTTSTOWN BOY 42 Wis S Bradhame 6-11-0... M For: "5
4 FO HOPEPUL LONG 25 P Cheezbough 5-11-0 A S 5m 15 MASTER RUPERT 8 McKeltur 5-17-0 D Part. J 6 3334 PENRIOSE LAD 52 D Nevolokan 7-11-0 R Johnson 63
7 SCALLY BEAU I Lusgo 8-17-0 J Supple 8 -360 SECOND STEP 134 0 Gandolfo 6-11-0 R Durwoody 50 2-5 Marello 5-1 Daniangton, 8-1 Periose Lad 10-1 Second Step 12-1 Scally Bela, 25-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ayr. 2.00 Chopwell Curtains. Newbury: 2.40 Sword Arm 3 40 Mazara Thirsic 4 50 Naughty Pistol

## 3.30 HILLHOUSE QUARRY HANDICAP CHASE

2.7.530 -2017-41 (39)

1. P. BANIO 35 (D.F.S.) 5 Nacholson 7-11-10 Ms R Thomton (3)

2. 11: LEOTARD 713 (D.F.G.S.) Mrs. 2 Williams 10-11-0 N Williamson —

3. 2520 GLEBOT 11 (D.F.G.S.) Knote 9-10-13 ... C O'Dayer 90

4. 7-3 ROUVAN 15 (D.F.G.S.) Mrs. 1 Priman 11-10-13 ... J F Titley 93

5. 00F3 0LD RROBET 16 (D.F.G.S.) O Statesond 9-10-9 ... J Obstone 92

6. 0212 CUMBRIAN CHALLENCE 27 (D.F.G.S.) T Exactly 8-10-7 I. Wyer 98

7. 1-25 DESTINY CALS 77 (D.F.G.) N Exactler 7-10-1 ... R Dumondy 96

8. 3435 DESTIN O'ESTREWAL 36 (5) D Nicholson 9-10-0 ... R Johnson 97

9. 0110 FRICKLEY 14 (D.G.S.) G Nicholson 9-10-0 ... P Carbony 98 3-1 Bargo, 4-1 Cumbran Challenge, 5-1 Faculty, Rouyan, 7-1 Desuny Calls, 8-1 Design D'Estruval, 10-1 Glemoi, Old Burdge, 12-1 others.

4.00 LICKLEYHEAD CASTLE HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,500; 3m 2l 110vd) (13)

7-2 Young Xenny, 9-2 Tribune, 5-1 Erzeijan, 6-1 Navarra Prince, 7-1 Swanbistes Eulogy, 8-1 Whal's Your Story, 10-1 others

4.30 ROYAL SCOTS DRAGOON GUARDS CUP

HUNTERS CHASE (Amaleurs: £3,688: 3m 3f 110yd) (7) 1 P2/3 ARDESEE 48 (F.G.S.) R Peaks 17-12-0 . . . . A Windle (7) ~ 2 P-53 GREEN TRUES 129 (6.5) C Raycay 12-12-0 May G Windle (7) 85 3 868 CM 100 27P (G) May R Lampard 10-12-0 . . . . A Kilcame (7) 4 35-1 NOW YOUNG MAN 11 (F.G. May A Sambuari 8-12-0 C Storey [5] 84 5-52 ROYAL JESTER 11 (CD.BF, E.S.) C Storey 13-12-0 C Storey [5] 84 6 5-54 SOLITHERN MINISTREL 28 (C.F.6.5) N Chamberlan 14-12-0 11-10 Jigame, 7-2 Now Young Man, 4-1 Royal Jesica, 8-1 I'm Toby, 10-1 Ardeste, 12-1 Green Times, Southern Moretre!

5.00 BRITISH FIELD SPORTS SOCIETY IN SCOTI AND HANDICAP (Amaleurs: \$2,085; 1m 2f) (20)

SCOTLAND HANDICAP (Arrialeurs: £2,085: 1m; 21) (20)

1 (1) 462: THE BOOZING BREE 1394 (8) C Parker 4:12-0 A Parker 9

2 (16) 3312 SADAS 8 (F.J.S.) A Baley 6-11-13 Mass AL Hutsimson (5) 8

3 (11) 0-12 KARISAR 8 Deeps 2 mbb 4-11-11 R Theoreting 96

4 (18) 000 High LDW 664 (F.G.) M Ramond 9-11-7 C Booner - (18) 000 High 19 (6) JJ Divids 5-11-5 P. Carogo 94

5 (37) 0-335 FORZAR 9 (6) JJ Divids 5-11-5 P. Carogo 94

6 (5) 0-0 SUPERITOP BU (0) F.S. Lungo 9-11-5 B Gilson (5) - (17) 4204 ZAITUPE 17 (Juliano 5-11-3 B) B Gent (5) 98

8 (19) 0-65 HAMO 0F STRAW (44 (6) Mass. 2 Green 5-11-2 R Hale 9

9 (7) 0-62 LUED UP 6 (V.D.) F Earis 4-11-1 Alexa Cheen (5) 98

10 (10) 3-40 DRAW 4 P Richitech 4-11-1 Mass. C Hame (5) 93

11 (2) 0-63 FORZAR BULES 13 (8) Mass. I Petral 5-11-0 L J Barry (5) 93

13 (4) 5-20 SRIG AND DANCE 16 E Weynes 4-10-12 J Weynos (5) 97

14 (3) 6-30 AMSTOP 13 (6) J Feys 5-10-12 Mass Data Jones 80

15 (12) 0-65 PHOLD BRIBADER 23 M Sockey 9-10-13 E Stream 19-8

16 (20) 4-6-3 CLACUE 42 (8,67) U Chapman 5-10-9 Mass R Carok 97

16 (20) - TREB LARE SOL (8 D Chapman 5-10-9 MSTOR 10-10 19-10

11-2 Flyanzay Blues, 5-1 Gadge 7-1 Namsma, 8-1 Clued Up Superiop, 10-1 Sing And Dance, Forzair, 12-1 The Boozing Birel, 14-1 others.

3.50 SOWERBY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,574: 1m 4l) (4)

1 033- PERCY ISLE 160 M Strutt 9-0

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THUNDERER 2.20 Truly Parched. 2.50 Antonia's Double. 3.20 Gamock Valley, 3.50 Percy Isle. 4.20 Dispol Gem. 4.50 Meranti.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 BRITON MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (£3,730: 61) (10 runners) LS./TSU: O1) (10 Indiners)

1 0004 GLORIA IMPERATOR 11 (B) A Motholland 4-8-10 M Birch 4
2 653- LOOK WHO'S CALLING 329 8 McListon 4-9-10 S Sanders 1
3 20- DIVINE MISS-P 360 A Jamrs. 4-9-5 M J O'Connor 7
4 CLEAN SWOP 1 Esterby 3-8-13 J Carroll 5
5 0- JONNY'S JOKER 212 F Lee 3-8-13 A Custame 3
5 00- PRINCE OF PARISES 322 J Bern 3-8-13 A Custame 3
7 4360 SUPERCHARMER 7 TO Micholt: 3-8-13 Alex Greatives 8
8 00- TRULY PARCHED 183 P Chaptic-Hyam 3-8-13 R Haveln (3) 6
9 43-6 TWO UNITEE BRODGE 18 D Smith 3-8-13 L Chapmock 10
10 0- ZALOTTO 225 T Educatoryton 3-8-13 C Shind 2
1 Table Parised 3-1 Look Who's Calling 5-1 Time 0n The Brodge 8-1

5-4 Truly Parched, 3-1 Look Who's Calling, 5-1 Truly On The Bridge, 8-1 Supercharmes, 10-1 Davine Miss-P. 12-1 Clean Swap 14-1 officis

2.50 CLIFTON NOVICE FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £3,626: 51) (7) 4) GUT LIKE MAGES 9 (D.F.) P Exist. 9-0 ... J F Egan 7
4 ANTONANS DOUBLE 18 (BF) J Berry 8-8 ... G Carler 2
BIDDE ARROLS TRECTION A Basiey 8-8 ... S Sanders 4
BANCARG EM T Excessor 8-8 ... M Birch 1
GUT TED BAIRN U Nicholis 8-8 ... Alex Grances 6
4 PRIMITESS 9 N TRACE 7-8 ... J Wester 3
POSITIVE ARR 8 MeMation 8-8 ... L Revision 5

9-4 Out Lite Magne, 7-2 Aniona's Deather 9-2 Offed Barm, 6-) Danishig Em. Pennatess, 8-1 Boritandicination, 10-1 Positive Air 3.20 HAMBLETON LIMITED STAKES (£3,470: 51) (9)

1 -115 THE HAPPY FOX 9 (B.D.F.G) B McMahon 5-9-10 S Righton (7) 2
2 00-1 MALIBU MAN 23 (D.F.G.) E Windows 5-9-7 A Day (5) 5
3 -040 FRIENDLY BRAVE 7 (D.F.G.S.) Miss 6 Kellengy 7-9-4
W J O'Contor 6 3-1 Mation Man. 7-2 Gemock Valley. 4-1 Sases Magic. 5-1 Lamanda. 7-1 The Happy Fox. 8-1 Divide And Rule. West Egs Girl. 10-1 others.

00- REGAIT 169 M Jane 9-0 2 SURTSEY 15 M Johnston 9-0 . MARKAPEN C Allen 8-9 \_ J Weaver 2 G Faultmer (5) 3 4-5 Barcy lists, 7-4 Surfacy, R-1 Regart, 12-1 Markapen 4.20 DAKSTRIPE HANDICAP (£3,281: 1m) (18) 4- 2U OAKSTRIPE HANDICAP (\$3,281: 1m) (18)

1 09-0 TRINSLEAS FOLLY 13 (0.F.G) & Whister 5-9-12 TO Mickening 2
2 09-0 EDOMERSHAMD PARM 13 P Felspie 5-9-13 TO Mickening 2
3 09-0 SPAINSH VERNICT 24 (\$D.F.G) D Smain 10-9-9 D Sweeney (\$) 5
4 34-6 DESPOL SEM 9 P Caber 4-9-8
5 3300 BERNARD SVEN 99 (\$.D.F.G) M Port. 5-9-9 J Viterior 1
6 -065 RYMER'S RASCAL 6 (\$) E Alson 5-9-7 J Caroli 4
7 09-0 SUPERPRIPE 13 (\$,5) Mes M Reveley 5-9-7 A Cultimore 17
8 0-21 EURODOX 90'N 10 (D.F.A James 4-9-5 W J.D'Commor 12
9 100- MR CLIBE 153 (\$,5) Mes M Reveley 5-9-7 A PROPORTION 15
10 42-0 CEL-MY-AV 23 (D.F.G.S) J Berry 10-9-3 P Roberts (5) 10
11 565- POLAR BERSHAM 123 J Monton 4-9-7 R French (5) 15
12 00-0 EURO SCEPTIC 13 (B.C.D.F.G) 1 Exclerity 5-9-2 R Hawlin (3) 9
13 50-0 JACK PUSH 27 B Rame 4-8-13 P French (5) 15
16 550G LACHESS 13 (B) D Some 4-8-13 P French (3) 16
17 236- RICCARTION 211 P Cahen 4-8-11 D Barren Montan (3) 16
18 200- MY MBLE 177 D Rather 4-8-10 Darren Montan (3) 16
19-2 Eurobox Boy, 6-1 Coe- by-4y, 7-1 Bernard Seven, Roccartin 8-1 Supermida.

9-2 Eurobox Boy, 6-1 Coe-Lay-Ay, 7-1 Bernard Sevial Roccarton 8-1 Superpride. Euro Sceptic, 10-1 Mr Cube, Dispol Bern, 12-1 others. 4.50 BIRDFORTH HANDICAP (£3,472-71) (16)

3-1 Forst 6-1 Guil Shaadi, 7-1 Rombo Waltzei, 8-1 Melanti, Genone John, 10-1 Samerton Boy Flying Ponnard, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANGERS: J Bradley, 4 winders from 13 runners, 30 8%, M Stoute, 9 from 30, 30.6%, M Johnston, 16 from 87, 18.4%, B McMahon, 3 from 20, 15.6%, Mars M Raycley, 6 from 51, 11.8%. JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 24 supports from 98 rules, 24.5%, E. Dulfield, 16 from 80, 20.0%, D. McLeswo, 13 from 100, 13.0%, G Carler, 7 from 55, 12.7%, Guly qualities.

#### COURSE SPECIALISTS

AYR: Trainers: T Easierby, 3 winners from 8 AYH: Trainers: [asserby, 3 winters don't numbers, 37.5%; Jedirerd, 5 from 16, 31.3%, N Twiston-Dawies, 3 from 10, 30.0%, G Richards, 51 from 200, 25.5%; Mrs. M Reveire, 39 from 13, 23.1%; C Thomson, 6 from 27, 22.2%, Jockeys: R Gamity, 7 vennets from 29 Jockeys: R Gamity, 7 vennets from 29 Jobes, 24.1%; Phiven, 35 from 152, 23 f%, J Supple, 6 from 31, 19 4%, P Carberry, 5 from 26, 19 2%; N Williamson, 3 from 16, 18.8%, L Wyor, 9 from 48, 16 7%

NEWBURY: Trainers: J Gosden, 29 winners from 118 runners, 24 6%, J Reid, 50 from 262, 19.1%; P Chapple-Hyam, 36 from 149, 24 2%; L Dettert, 36 from 128, 19 1%, Mss G Krideway, 5 from 122, 22 7% W Pyan, 15 from 84, 16 0%; Lady Herries, 8 from 43, 16.3%; Lady Herries, 8 from 43, 16.3%; Jockeys J. Rood, 50 whrees from 262 rides, 19 1%: L. Deltori, 36 from 168, 19 1%, W. Pvan 15 from 94, 16 0%, A. Whelen, 3 from 20, 15 0%, T. Quinn, 29 from 294, 12 4%, Pal Eddery, 30 from 249, 12 0%



**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

### Raper aims to reverse Castleford decline

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

STUART RAPER will arrive at Castleford Tigers next week with a reputation as one of the brightest young coaches in Australia. Nothing, though, will have prepared him for the task of raising the Yorkshire side from the bottom of the Stones Super League.

Raper's first game in charge will be against St Helens, in the unusual setting of Anfield, on Sunday week. Unless they can get off the mark against Halifax Blue Sox this Sunday, a match for which Mick Morgan will remain in temporary charge. Castleford will encounter the champions without a point from eight matches.

Castleford were unfortunate to be beaten in injury time by Leeds Rhinos on Tuesday, but that match yielded some promising signs, and Raper, 32, has been told that players he wants can be added to the squad. No such assurance was given to John Joyner, his predecessor. which partly prompted Joyner's decision to part com-pany with the club after a 25-year association.

Raper's curriculum vitae makes impressive reading, with championships at country, under-21 and reserve level with Cronulla last year.

Another coaching vacancy was filled yesterday by Les Holliday, the former Great Britain loose forward, who moved up from assistant coach to take charge of Swinton, who are bottom of the first division.

Bradford will hope to maintain the last unbeaten record in the Super League tonight at Paris Saint-Germain, who have not won in five outings since their opening match at Sheffield Eagles. London Broncos have gone native, selecting five British-born players - Nick Mardon, Matthew Salter, Shaun Edwards, Adrian Spencer and Tulsen Tollett - for their home match against Salford

RUGBY UNION

## Allied forces have future assured

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

money involved in the announcement yesterday of a new sponsor for English club rugby, even though the Allied Dunbar Assurance group brings a record amount into the game. In effect, it draws a demarcation line between the top 24 clubs and the rest, and the introduction of the word "premiership" will have a thousand clubs drawing par-allels with the privileged few of English football.

Courage, the brewing company that has sponsored the English league since its inception in 1987, paid E5 million for its last three-year agreement with the Rugby Football Union (RFU), which concludes this season. That money fil-tered down to all 1,200 compet-ing clubs, whereas Allied Dunbar will pay £6.6 million over three years to sponsor the first and second divisions

There may be trouble ahead, runs the first line of the song in the assurance company's television advertisement, though that will not be the case for the clubs that will benefit. The trouble is likely to come from every other club. unless there is a swift assurance from the RFU that they will not be forgotten.

There is sponsorship and support for leagues three, four and down through the whole

game, principally through RFU resources, Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said.

The union's own commercial department should yet be able to benefit from the compe-tition that blossomed to sponsor the game's top end. Allied Dunbar beat off four leading companies for the privilege of injecting £12 million into rug-by union, nearly half of which will go into merchandising and support services, which include the establishment of a disability insurance scheme for all players registered with

the top 24 clubs. Over the past decade Courage put Ell million into rugby's coffers. The new agree-ment, which was negotiated with English Rugby Partnership (ERP), the private limited company established by the RFU and the clubs to manage the professional end of the game, will virtually treble the income for first-division clubs and double that available to the second-division clubs.

This is the day English club rugby takes a giant step forward," Kim Deshayes, the ERP chief executive, said, but he acknowledged that his organisation must look closely at the structure of coming seasons so as to avoid the fixture congestion that has disfigured the close of this season.

ERP directors claim that already they have increased

the revenue from all sources for next season from £8 million to £10 million, but admit that few, if any, clubs will be able to declare a profit at the end of this season.

The capital costs involved in establishing a professional squad of players, and the necessary support, far out-weigh the funds available through normal channels and, even though the Allied Dunbar deal is the biggest of its kind in England, the effect is that first-division clubs will receive around £90,000 a season each and second-division clubs some £50,000 each.

Phil de Glanville, the England captain, said of the new sponsorship: The players are receiving good news during the later part of the season. The launch of Allied Dunbar's sponsorship is a big fillip for clubs and players alike. Players will be reassured that they are secure if their careers are interrupted when they have committed themselves to the life of a professional rugby

The new competition, which will run from August 23 to May 3, will be known as the Allied Dunbar Premiership one and two. Each division will have 12 clubs playing home and away, with two promotion and relegation places and play-offs for the



Jonathan Homphreys, the Wales captain, welcomed the decision yesterday to play the internationals against New Zealand, Scotland and France next season at Wembley, rather than Twickenham, while Cardiff Arms Park is being rebuilt. "Twickenham is to all of us the stronghold of England, our main opponent," he said. "Wembley, on the other hand, has no emotional label attached to it."

## Title struggle exposes flaws in the system

The chase for the champ-ionship in Wales will remain a close-run thing until the end of the season. Pontypridd. Swansea and Lianelli, with six points separating the first from third. are each in with a good chance of winning the league. Llanelli have four matches still to play while the other two have five.

Further adrift, but still with a mathematical chance, are Cardiff, in fourth place, six league points behind Llanelli. It would be stretching matters too far to include Bridgend. but, again, it is mathematically possible for them to be considered contenders.

All this is possible largely because of the bonus points system that is triggered when certain number of tries are scored in any match. The winning team can gain an extra two points on top of the two points awarded for a win. If circumstances were different, Cardiff's would be a lost cause by now.

During the past two seasons, when a bonus system of one kind or another has been in operation, the total number of tries scored in Weish rugby has increased overall. However artificial the system may be, it certainly has encouraged a more positive artitude, not only to scoring tries but to the game generally.

Not that this is something

that Wales alone believes gives rugby a necessary, entertaining shot in the arm. The organisers of the Super 12 series in the southern hemisphere believe in and operate a similar system, but while there are those who raise an eyebrow at the Welsh League. upon the Super 12 everyone seems to shower undiluted praise. It is an odd world.

Nevertheless, if the rugby styles benefit, there remains a genuine element of dissatisfaction. Last season the objective was to score as many tries as possible, regardless of what the opposition did. At that time both teams, winners and losers, could accrue maximum bonus points. Theoretically. therefore, it was possible for a team to lose every match yet still win the championship.

Unlikely, but possible. Since then, the calculation has changed. At present, the bonus system allows an extra point to a team scoring three tries more than the opposition and a further point for six tries. In this way, the formula ensures that defence is rewarded as well as attack.

tently unfair. For instance, at one stage this season Pontypridd had won three matches more than Swansea, but, because they had collected more bonus points, Swansea led the championship table. This was absurd. Whatever

the virtues of the bonus try-

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scoring system, they should not outweigh in importance the fundamental essence of

competition — to win.

Even at this stage of the season, this margin of victories for Pontypridd remains, but with Swansea having gained 19 bonus points to Pontypridd's 14 they are only a point adrift. Swansea have scored 102 tries to Pontypridd's 82.

Unless there is a significant mishap, the clubs at present in the top four will enter the Heineken Cup next season. Below this level, there is another struggle. The decision two weeks ago to reduce the first division of the Welsh League from 12 teams to eight is a matter for broad agreement, but, to put it mildly, the timing is unfortunate. As with the decision to turn rugby into a professional sport, one that was implemented immediately and failed to recognise the need for a running-in period, so it is with this change.

was a decision made during a season when clubs such as Llandovery. Cross Keys and Aberavon have been aiming for promo-tion from the second division. Their efforts have been in vain, for there is to be no promotion to the top division this season. Others have been attempting not to end up among the last two and so avoid relegation, only to find now that four clubs will suffer that fate.

Newbridge are already destined to go down to a 16-club second division. Treorchy and Caerphilly look set to join them. Who will be the fourth? The contest appears to be between Dunyant and Neath. on 22 and 21 points respectively, but Newport and Ebbw Vale, both on 24, also inhabit the danger zone. Neath, who won the championship last season, look to have the toughest assignment. In the final stages of the season they will have to play the three clubs at present occupying the positions at the top of the table.

**SWIMMING: BRITON'S RECORD PERFORMANCE GOOD ENOUGH ONLY FOR FOURTH PLACE** 

## Newcomers will force rethink for Hickman

FROM CRAIG LORD IN GOTHENBURG

JAMES HICKMAN set a British record in the 100 metres butterfly at the world short-course championships here last night, missing the bronze medal by 0.20sec. The title went to Lars Frolander, of

The Fantasy Formula One scores for the Argentine Grand

Prix appear below. B Holmes of Surbiton. Surrey wins a

trip for two to the British Grand Prix. His team, Beveric

97. scored 852 points at Buenos Aires. M Smith of Fleet,

wins a Sony PlayStation and CD-Rom games.

worth £250.

Hampshire (team name CDC Sport) scored 843 points and

THE PRIZES The manager with the best team score after

the Portuguese Grand Prix on October 26, will win the

first prize of £25,000 courtesy of our sponsor Marlboro world Champoinship team. Prizes of £10,000 and £5,000

will go to two runners-up. The manager with the most

points in the San Marino Grand Prix will win a trip for

two to the British Grand Prix on July 13. The runner-up will

outside the UK). Calls last about seven

HOW THE POINTS WERE SCORED IN ARGENTINA

DRIVERS: Qualifying points (scored by qualifying for the start of

4th M Schumacher 23; 5th R Barrichello 22; 6th R Schumacher 21; 7th E Irvine 20; 8th J Herbert 19; 9th G Fishichella 18; 10th

D Coulthard 17; 11th J Alesi 16; 12th G Berger 15; 13th D Hill 14;

M Hakkinen 10; 18th J Truili 9; 19th M Salo 8; 20th S Nakano 7.

Finishing points (scored for the top 20 positions at the end of every grand prix): 1st J Villeneuve 60 points; 2nd E Irvine 50;

3rd R Schumacher 40; 4th J Herbert 30; 5th M Hakkinen 29;

lap completed): J Villeneuve 72 points; E Irvine 72; R Schuma

14th N Larini 13; 15th J Magnussen 12; 16th J Verstappen 11; 17th

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J Magnussen 24. (Only 10 finished). Lap points (one point for each

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his team-mate, was third in 52.02sec.

Hickman, 21, from Stockport, had led Frolander at halfway, but paid the price down the last of the four lengths. Even so, his 52.22sec was 0.12sec inside the time that he set in February, which was then a European record.

it was good experience and it's looking good for the 200 metres [tomorrow]," he said. Hickman was 13 when his

parents divorced and swimming was a distraction from the stress of his fractured family life. "When you've been through two custody battles, well, you learn to cope with "My legs started to give, but anything," he said. "I've never had anything handed to me on a plate, I've had to fight for

everything." Hickman, like Dave Calleia. his coach, admits to being stubborn, which leads to an explosive environment in training on occasion. "I don't take my problems home to one parent or the other - that Hickman said. "So, I blow out at Dave and he blows out at me.'

Calleja Hickman's confidence does not spill over into an overinflated self-opinion. "He's starting to believe his own press," Calleja said. "That can

only harm him. There's a long way to go and this idea of him picking off the other seven swimmers in the final in Atlanta on the way to Sydney is pure pie in the sky."

Last night proved that beyond doubt. Frolander and

Huegill are new names for Hickman to contemplate, while just behind him was Nathaniel Dusing, 18 and representing the United States for the first time. He had already broken the high school record of Anthony Nesty, the 1988 Olympic champion over 100 metres butterfly, this year. In the heats yesterday morning, Dusing improved by 1.38sec to break the United States record of Melvin Stewart, the Olympic champion over 200 metres in 1992.

RESULTS: Men's 100m butlerfly: Finsk 1, L. Frolander (Swej 51.95sec; 2, G. Hueglii (Aus) 51 99, 3. M. Klim (Aus) 52 02, 4, J Hickman (GB) 52.22. British qualifiers; Ment: Freestyle; 200m; 7, A. Clayton 1 min 47,73sec, 4 x 100m medley relay; 2, Great British 335 09. Women: Freestyle; 100m; 6, S. Rolph 55.03sac.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL: THWARTED CLUB READY FOR NEXT RUNG ON LADDER

## Leek on threshold of journey's end

By Walter Gammie

LEEK Town bridle at any suggestion that they are not ready for the Vauxhall Conference as they close in on the UniBond League title, which. their rivals' results permitting. they could clinch with victory at home against Witton Albion

tomorrow. Lynden Davies, the Leek chairman, said: "We had the ground ready with an A grading and should have gone into the Conference three years ago. We were told that we didn't satisfy their financial criteria - but our finances

were in order. "Everything is now definite-ly OK. We are a stable club and don't have to call on an overdraft facility."
The irony of joining the

Conference is that Leek would almost certainly not have to do as much travelling as the ison after their disappointment in 1993-94 - when they had finished second to Marine, ineligible for promotion because of their three-sided ground. It was then that they were switched to the then Beazer Homes League. "We travelled 9,000 miles that season and I don't think we'll match that." Davies said.

Despite the size of crowds at Harrison Park, which average 550 — a reflection on the local competition supplied by Stoke City and Port Vale - Leek are.

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Davies said, determined that they would not be "one-season

Leek followed the classic route for prosperity by selling Tony Bullock, their goalkeeper, to Barnsley on transfer-deadline day for £40,000. With £5,000 invested in Dean Trott, from Stalybridge Celtic, to beef up their forward line. Peter Ward, who stepped up from assistant to take over as manager when Phil Wilson left earlier in the season, has almost completed the next stage on a heart-warming

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# Tendulkar provides acceleration for India

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

INDIA'S pre-match strategy - to post a large first-innings score and put West Indies under pressure on a pitch expected to turn generously got off to a flat-footed start here after Sachin Tendulkar won the toss and chose to bat in the fifth and final Test match against West Indies.

Pinned down by an attack that was more frugal than menacing, India crawled into three figures in mid-afternoon yesterday, losing Jadeja for a laboured eight, made in 97 minutes, to a catch behind off lan Bishop, and Sidhu for a more combative 36

Bishop had bowled without venom until he took Jadeja's wicket, the edge off a forward prod owing more to the batsman's technical deficiencies than the bowler's wiles.

India could have lost both opening batsmen before the total reached 20, but butterfingered fielding led to escapes for Jadeja and Sidhu. The former was dropped at third slip by Stewart Williams off Walsh when he was on four, the chance so simple that the fielder wore a sheepish look for the next hour.

Sidhu's reprieve was more complex, Bishop putting him down in the gully as the batsman slashed at a wide delivery from Rose in the manner of a Sikh warrior maddened by the hot sun.

Rose was the best of the four West Indies quick bowlers, troubling the batsmen with his pace, bounce and movement until Walsh took him off after Sidhu drove him for two fours in an over. The opener, pacing the crease between deliveries, seemed determined to follow Tendulkar's orders to settle down for the day when Walsh got him to nibble at one on off stump after lunch.

At the time of his dismissal India were dictating terms for the first time in the match, as through the covers with Sidhu's dismissal, Tendulkar came in and hit Walsh for two fours, hoping to banish the memory of India's slow start. Certainly, his side was guilty of undue deference to the bowlers before lunch, gifting Ambrose the flattering figures of 9-8-1-0 in two separate spells. The bowler, on 295 Test wickets, would gladly have sacrificed a maiden or two for a wicket that would take him

closer to 300. As predicted, India went into the match with five bowlers, prefering Ganesh, the raw seamer, to Ganguly, a batsman, even at the risk of protests in far-away Calcutta.

The West Indian selectors banished any subversive thoughts of blooding Rawle Lewis, the leg-spinning allrounder, on a potentially responsive Bourda Oval pitch and fielded a team unchanged from the last Test in Antigua. The home side leads the series

It is the curse of a genius to be judged by sky-high stan-dards and Tendulkar, in spite of two near-hundreds, has had a lean tour with the bat. Arriving to a rousing welcome - the local Guyanese Indians. who still revere Sunil Gavaskar, call him the "second Little Master" - the India captain put the bowling in its place with a series of joyously timed drives through the covers. One flick off his hips off Walsh raced to the fence almost as rapidly as the bowler had hurled it at him.

INDIA: First Innings 

BOWLING: Ambrose 19-9-16-0, Bishop 13-5-29-1; Rose 6-2-11-0; Walsh 13-5-39-1; Hooper 2-0-4-0 WEST INDIES St. Campbell, S.C. Williams, S.Chanderoes, B.C. Lete, C.L. Hooper, R.I.C. Hobber, H.C.O. Browns, I.R. Bishop, C.E.L. Ambrose, F.A. Rose, "C.A. Walsh

(Guyerra).
Mauch referee: P van der Menwe (South Africa)



Jones, who made an unbeaten half-century, in defiant mood for Cambridge University at Fenner's yesterday

## How to play a gentleman's game

BY IVO TENNANT

FENNER'S (final day of three): Derbyshire beat Cambridge University by an innings and 12 runs

RAIN, which has hardly been espied in The Fens this spring. was all that was likely to prevent Derbyshire from beating Cambridge University by an innings yesterday. A start was not possible until just before midday, but the match was still over by lunch. Rob Jones, the one decent student batsman remaining, made an unbeaten half-century, but there was little else of

note. Jones played initially for Cambridge last year as an off spinner. By the end of term he was considered an all-rounder, having made 61 against Warwickshire, then the county champions. Had he found a tailender to stay with him for long yesterday, he would, in probability, have sursquare of the wicket off Dean and Havhurst deserved better.

runs behind with four wickets intact. There was no doubting that they would be beaten; it was a question of whether they possessed enough gumption to last for more than a session. That they did not was because Malcolm's pace was beyond the capabilities of Steffan Jones and Freeth, Dean, Derby-born and blessed with the ability to swing the ball in to the right-hander at left-arm brisk medium, took a fourth wicket when he had Churton

How, the last man, whom Rob Jones chose not to protect

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First In-

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nings 195 (ET Smith 85)

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from the strike, was left to yet on the first-class list. Even survive the last over before for a well-educated former lunch. He pushed the last ball, bowled by Clarke, into short leg's hands and promptly walked. Told that he did not make contact by Ray Julian. the umpire, and Dean Jones, the Derbyshire captain, How assured them that he had. In university cricket, at least, the game is still played

Julian, incidentally, was standing with Mark Benson, who is attempting to find out whether his dodgy knee will allow him to pursue a second career, as an umpire. He is not

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-39, 2-44, 3-59, 4-74, 5-74, 6-74, 7-104, 8-145, 9-151.

BOWLING: Malcolm 16-3-54-3: DeFreitas 6-4-21-2; Clarke 7-1-23-1, Dean 9-1-39-4; Vandrau 1-1-0-0; Hayhurst 5-1-18-0.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings 363 for 7

Clarke 57: J W O Freeth 4 for 101).

properly.

FENNER'S SCOREBOARD

Total .

county captain who played for England, there are no cer-So what will Derbyshire

have gleaned from this, their first match of a season in which they are expected to challenge again for the county championship? It would be too trite to say not a lot, although

become a county cricketer, even at the third attempt. He can hit the ball cleanly and bowls his leg breaks and googlies with some accuracy. The hope is that he will prove consistent enough to go in at

No 6. For another, they have seen that Dean is an improved bowler for having put on a stone during his winter of club cricket in Perth. He has a part to play this season, not least when Cork is with England. As for the result, that carries little relevance to what lies

the manner of their victory might suggest that. For one thing, they have found that Clarke can yet

### Lloyd runs into form in fine style

HEADINGLEY (second day of four): Yorkshire, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 159 runs behind

yesterday, as the 27-year-old

Lloyd struck ten sixes and 25 fours in the course of his

FALL OF WICKETS 1-32, 2-52, 3-69, 4-103, 5-111, 6-173, 7-421, 8-445, 9-482

## Students sent down with all guns blazing

BY JACK BAILEY

THE PARKS (final day of three): Durham beat Oxford University by 97 runs

OXFORD University batted through all but the last 29 balls of a dramatic day, finally yielding to a near-frantic Durham, who, as the students' rearguard action wore on, must have wondered whether their first victory in first-class cricket since September 1995 would be denied them. Oxford finally went down, but they did so with most hands on deck and all flags flying, thanks to an extraordinary innings by Chetan Patel. In the context of playing for a draw, which was the best Oxford could reasonably expect, Patel's script was different from the rest.

He came in at the fall of the sixth wicket, with Durham having made, to all intents and purposes, the vital breaches in the University defences. Stubborn resistance from Charlie Lightfoot, Byron Byrne and, for the second time in the match, James Fulton had been broken. Alex Scrini, another first-innings limpet, was at the crease, but Durham were poised for the kill.

Patel saw out the 31 balls he received before the tea interval quietly enough, but he came in for refreshment having already displayed restive tendencies in the face of Scrini's attempts to keep the strike. After tea he cut loose against Killeen's fast-medium and Cox's left-arm spin. From 18 balls he took 40 runs. In all, he hit a six and eight fours before he mistimed Cox and was caught at silly mid-off for 50. By then Oxford were back in

Before Patel, Oxford had batted bravely, but it seemed that an early afternoon spell by Simon Brown, with his extra pace, bounce and move-

ment, had uncovered a fatal flaw in the Oxford innings, Brown had already removed Haynes to leave Oxford on nine for two in the second over of the day, but Lightfoot's 45, Byrne's 36 and Fulton's stubborn stay had stiffened Oxford's resolve.

Brown removed both Byrne and Fulton, after Collingwood had accounted for Lightfoot, and in mid-afternoon Oxford stood at 114 for five. Brown had taken four wickets for 30 and seemed primed to take on England A today. When Laughton was caught at slip.

Waqar Younis, the Pakistan fast bowler, has picked up a toe injury that is likely to delay his debut for Glamorgan, scheduled for the Benson and Hedges Cup match against Middlesex in Cardiff on May 2 Wagar will miss the two-Test series with Sri Lanka starting later this

Oxford began to demoralised.

Patel, accompanied by Scrini, changed all that. His innings showed what could be done and, although Scrini and Averis did nothing that hinted of emulation, they played some pleasing strokes as the last 20 overs were ticked off one by one.

Averis was so overcome by the unexpected ease of it all that he took one chance too many. He lofted Boiling to long off with ten overs to go. Worse followed. Going for a second run to protect the vulnerable Mather, a direct hit brought about Scrini's downfall. Although Bull came in to bat one-handed, the other being broken. Mather's technique could not survive a straight ball from Boiling.

#### SCOREBOARD FROM THE PARKS

DURHAM: First Innings 3\$3 for 2 dec (J.) BiLeiwis 210 not out, P.D. Collingwood 107) Second Innings 144 tox 3 dec (D C Boon 58)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings 153 (A P Scrnt 58 not out, J A G Futton 54, M M Belts 6 for 51)

Second Innings 

Mees Pierson

Extras (0.8, fc.13, nb.2).

FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-9, 3-82, 4-105, 5-114, 6-114, 7-181, 8-241, 9-247 BOWLING: Brown 22-9-36-4, Betts 21-7-43-0, Killeen 13-4-46-0; Callingwood 6-0-Speak 4-0-14-0. Umpires: J H Hams and N A Mattende

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### Australia built around twin towers Hopefuls

if England want to beat Australia, they have to beat the Waugh twins. Steve and Mark. As the captain of South Africa, I was full of hope at the start of our recent series against Australia and would have put money on us winning more than one Test.

However, we lost the series 2-1. Whenever we seemed to be getting the upper hand, one of the Waugh brothers would prevent it. At the Wanderers, during the first Test, we made 302 and had them 174 for four. giving us a realistic chance of securing a small first-innings lead. Enter Steve Waugh and Greg Blewett. We always felt we had a chance of getting Blewett out, but "Tugga" never looked like throwing his wicket away.

He played a significant role in calming Blewett down and building a big partnership. ssion by session. He remains one of those players who believes too many players are in a hurry in Test matches and is quite prepared to bide his time and grind the opposition into the

With Blewett batting at No 6, Michael Bevan at No 7. lan Healy at No 8 and Shane Warne at No 9, Australia have



of South Africa, runs the

identifies its strengths

a very long and strong batting line up. Blewett plays fluently off both front and back foot, is prepared to take bowlers on and is especially severe on the short ball, pulling through mid-wicket. Because of his strong bottom-hand grip, he does leave a gap outside the off stump and can get bowled through this area when driving through the off side.

publicised problems with his not know where his off stump tralia's recent success.

Hansie Cronje, the captain

strokemaker, with an average of 47, who is keen to get back into the Test team. Ricky Ponting is also a strong selec-

Mark Taylor has welltowards frustrating Australia

own form, but I expect him to come back strongly. He did was against us and only looked comfortable flicking off his pads. He might enjoy playing on English wickets again after the bounce of pitches in Australia and South Africa. I am glad he has got the nod to lead the team — he has been instrumental in Aus-

By the squad selections, I think the Australians have strengthened their batting. Slater is a very fluent

rule over the tour party and

tion, a seasoned campaigner. Matthew Elliott is adventurous in his strokeplay but he can get into trouble with the bouncer and hooks in the air. although we thought he was a pretty good all-round cricket-er. He drives hard, cuts well and scores quickly, so the principles of bowling with discipline to him must be applied. I believe a good spin attack would go a long way

and getting them out. One player who remains an enigma to me is Mark Waugh, He always looks loose outside the off stump. but when he smells an oppor tunity to win a match by scoring a hundred, he takes it. He is not as consistent as his brother, but he is more dangerous and destructive and England should not bowl straight at him. but should aim for off stump and outside on a good length. As for the howling,

McGrath is world-class. He bowls from close to the stumps, gets bounce, hits the seam, changes his pace well and has a deceptive bouncer. What impressed me the most was his ability to bowl long spells and remain aggressive all the time. He found the perfect partner in Jason Gillespie, who is genuinely quick, swings the ball mainly away from the right-hander and attacks off stump all the time. He developed a lot on tour here in South Africa.

Australia's one bowling weakness was the lack of a back-up seamer. If England can get through the first 20 overs without losing a wicket, they will put a lot of pressure Australia. However. Kasprowicz has been added to the squad and his ability to swing the ball might suit English conditions.

Warne needs no introduction, but Bevan also bowled well against us at times and that helped the Australians. The whole team's body language and cricket discipline is brilliant and mentally they are very tough to beat. However, England can give them a run for their money.

## face test of potential

BY SIMON WILDE

PROFESSIONAL cricket in England is often accused of lacking character, but the match starting at Edgbaston today will not want for a steely

The meeting of England A and The Rest — a scratch team that replaced the champion county in the traditional season-opener for the Tetley's Shield last year — brings together 22 players with credible ambitions of playing for England. The next four days will

present them with a golden opportunity to make an impression on the two Davids -David Lloyd, the England coach, who will guide the players, and David Graveney. who managed the England A side in Australia during the winter and will now observe the game as chairman of selectors. The England A party, under the captaincy of Adam Hollioake, showed a rare degree of hard-headedness on that tour and it reaped dividends.

Two England A players — Craig White and Ashley Giles - have pulled out of the match because of injuries and been replaced by Ben Hollioake, Adam's younger brother, and Peter Such.

The younger Hollioake spent a highly successful winter with England Under-19s in Pakistan, while Such was, in any case, a member of the England A touring team. The only other England A player not on show is Owais Shah. who is studying for exams.

The match will also be a test for Steve Rouse, the Edgbaston groundsman, whose two most recent Test pitches were marked down, calling into question the future of international cricket in Birmingham.

ENGLAND A: A J Hollicoke (Surrey, captarn). M A Butcher (Surrey), J E R Galitan (Larceshue), M P Vaughen (York-thue), A McCortan (Yorkshue), M A Estham (Korn), W K Hogg (Lancashue, wckuskespell, G Chapple (Lancashue), P M Such (Essey, A J Harris (Derbyshue), P W Hoadley (Kent) W Headbey (Loss III) A Remprakash (Middlece, captain). J S Laney (Hampshire). D L Maddly (Leicssershire), C J Adams (Derbyhire), B J Warmen (Northamptonshire, wicketkeeper), V S Solanid (Morcestershire), D A Cosker (Clampropan) B C Hotilicalus (Surrey), A J Tudor (Surrey), S J E Brown (Durhem), C E W Silverwood (Yorkshire)

# By Our Sports Staff

THE season may be only a few days old, but already the country's batsmen appear to be getting into their stride. It was Graham Lloyd's turn

Lancashire man plundered 225 off just 151 balls to post the highest first-class score of the summer - or at least the spring - so far. More to the point he guided Lancashire to a 193-run lead over their perennial rivals in the

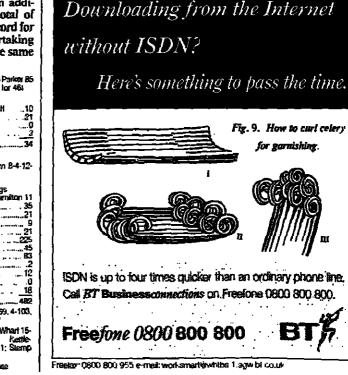
assault on the Yorkshire bowling and helped to set a handful of records in the process. His partnership of 248 from 31 overs with lan Austin was the best for Lancashire's seventh wicket, beating the 245 by A H Hornby and J Sharp against Leicestershire at Old Trafford in 1912, and was thus the highest for that wicket at Yorkshire's expense, surpassing the 220 by John Murray and Don Bennett for Middlesex at Headingley in 1964. In addition, the Lancashire total of 482 now stands as a record for them in Yorkshire, overtaking the 450 compiled on the same ground in 1948.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings 289 (B Parker & not put, M J Wood 81; G Yafes 4 for 46) Second finnings
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M.J. Wood nor out \*D Byzs not out Extras (ib 1, nb 2) Total (1 wkt) .....FALL OF WICKET. 1-32. BOWLING: Menin 8-3-16-0, Green 8-4-12-0, Finlott 3-2-3-1; Austra 3-2-2-0

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BOWLING Hamiton 18 4-3-97-3; Whart 15-2-61-1; Hoggard 20-4-110-1; Rettle-borough 13-3-74-1, Barry 5-0-59-1; Stemp 13-1-65-3 Umpires: K.E. Palmer and R.A. White





## **SNOOKER** Champion to pocket

By PHIL YATES

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THE Embassy world championship, which celebrates its seventieth anniversary when it starts at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield tomorrow, has evolved into one of the most lucrative occasions on the British sporting calendar. with £1.26 million in prize-money. The champion on May 5 will collect £210,000 compared with the £6,000 secured by John Spencer when he became the first winner of the championship at the Crucible in 1977 - some £2,200 less than the amount awarded to losers in the final qualifying

round at Telford last month.

The player who compiles

the highest break over the next

rising to £165,000 for a maximum 147. The renewal last year of the BBC television contract through to the millennium, and the healthy viewing figures that this generates, has ensured that the bubble is not about to burst. Embassy. sponsor of the championship since 1976, has pledged increases in prize-money each year, with £250,000 going to the winner in 2000.

run-of-the-mill US PGA Tour

stop - it undoubtedly en-

hances it.

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## SPORT IN BRIEF

### Oliver sets his sights on European crown SPENCER OLIVER, one of

Britain's most exciting young boxers, has a chance to underline his potential in a European title bout on May 20 (Srikumar Sen writes). The Barnet super-bantamweight takes on Martin Krastev. of Bulgaria, the champion, at Picketts Lock, north London. Although only 22, he is so highly rated that his manager, Jess Harding has no qualms about putting him in for a leading title. Harding believes that Oliver, a Com-

Athletics: The British Athletic Federation announced a three-year sponsorship worth £1 million with Spar supermarkets yesterday. Among other initiatives, Spar will sponsor a British Challenge against an international select team at Crystal Palace on August 17.

Curling: Scotland beat the Michael Williams, 63, golf

United States 7-6 in their final round-robin match of the world championships in Berne to top the leaderboard along with the title favourites.

correspondent of The Daily Telegraph since 1971, collapsed and died after a heart attack vesterday morning while playing at Chelmsford Golf Club, where he was a past captain, and his widow, Judy, is the present ladies' captain.



Inspiring support: Chesterfield fans were in good voice as they roared on their team in the epic FA Cup semi-final at Old Trafford on Sunday

# Blue Army's grand day out

o, more things fall into place, which is nice. For instance, did you realise that there's no point phoning man of thematch votes for David Ginola during games not involving Newcastle? Well, I didn't. I've spent a small fortune doing that.

More importantly (but in the same area of confusion), I finally realised that the upbeat chant "Vialli! Vialli!" heard oddly at matches untouched by that bald, suffering Chelsea icon is in fact "Blue Army! Blue Army!" elided to sound like "blwami". "Where?" I always used to think. "Vialli? Is he here? Is he in disguise? Where is he?"

Chesterfield were a blwami too, you see, last Sunday at Old Trafford. "Blwami, blwami" they cried. A crowd of 25,000 Spireites rolled up in festive mood, noisily determined to have the time of their lives and seemingly careless of the deserted town left behind in

"Oh dear," I said aloud, amid a sea of blue and whitepainted families, with balfoons, flags and special T-shirts, "this is what they call a Burglars' Charter." But it seems I was alone in picturing the inevitable consequence of everybody leaving Chesterfield at once - ie, thousands of leather-studded solas being herded, mooing and slipping, into the backs of vans at gunpoint.

What a terrific match it was. Worth sacrificing that

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old settee for, certainly. In my own case, it was even worth driving 532 miles.

The irony was that I as-sumed I'd drawn the short straw with this semi-final; I'd been angling for a ticket to Highbury. It was only when I stopped at the services in Birmingham and thought "What? How? But surely?" that I suddenly realised my assignment to the North was nothing more than a diversionary tactic, preventing my well-attested Chelsea Jinx Ef-fect from inflicting further damage on a much-loved club (Chelsea supporters are everywhere in high places). So I wasn't expecting much,

to be honest. Of the two teams, I knew nothing whatever of chirpy little Chesterfield, while moaning little Middlesbrough had started to get on my nerves.

Why can't Ravanelli find the goal? Nobody moves it, do they? If they want to win things, why don't they just get on with it? Why does Emerson bother getting the ball if he can't see anybody to pass it to? Things did not look promising and I took a lot of good music for the journey back. But then Chesterfield got

their balloons out, a brass band marched, the stadium thundered with that blwami stuff. David Elleray's whistle blew and struggle commenced. Surrounded by heaving, happy Chesterfield fans, it felt slightly awkward to be sitting in a small, tense Boro enclave, its spiritual leader a vocal and excited boy LYNNE TRUSS



Kicking and Screaming

of ten asking for a clip round the ear. Usually it's quite easy to spot the underdog, but suddenly (what with this annoying but heroic child, and everything) it was confusing. So I adopted a schizophren-

ic approach that meant that each goal was terrific and the final outcome of this multipleorgasm match was totally satisfactory. Thus, when Middlesbrough's Vladimur Kinder was momentously sent off, I could see both sides to the situation very happily. "Blwami, blwami," I cheered. "Stand up, if you love Boro."

Supporting opposing teams is less of a strain on the psyche than you might expect and the great thing is: whatever the outcome, you win. "Yes!" I squealed, when Chesterfield heroically went two goals ahead. "Er, yes, yes!" I yelled again, when Middles-brough fought back. Personwas full of red shirts, the next ally, I've never had it so good. it was empty seats and the aroma of despair. In extra time, Festa scored

what appeared to be the

winning goal and, well,

"Yes!" seemed again the ap-

propriate shout. And then

Chesterfield's Jamie Hewitt

equalised in the 119th minute

and "Yes!" just wasn't ade-

quate any more. I nearly

The small boy looked a bit sick, but I didn't care. The

ball's elegant trajectory,

bouncing high off Hewitt and

arcing in slow motion over

the goalkeeper's head, was

astonishingly beautiful. No

wonder everybody went mad.

whether the 25,000 who

turned up on Sunday were

really what you might call

hard core. On the other hand,

what a good idea to co-opt

happy, dancing supporters depending on cup success.

Unlike the Middlesbrough

fans at Old Trafford, you see.

the new fair-weather Spireites

had every reason to be totally

optimistic. Assuming they

joined the blwami during the

Cup run, some of these fans

were not only strangers to defeat, but had never before

seen their team concede a

Compare the shredded

nerves of Middlesbrough.

Yes, they sang and waved in

equal measure, but when the

final whistle blew they just

melted away, leaving Ches-

terfield to party on their own.

Back home in Chesterfield, the Saltergate ground holds 8,800. I did wonder, therefore,

burst into tears.

A quota of 25,000 tickets equates roughly with the Riverside's season-ticket holding; and while these blokes have certainly had a lot of football for their money this year, the hollow-eyed Dostoevskian look cries aloud for a holiday on the Planet Zog.

s they filed out on Sunday, I'm convinced that they knew they would lose to Leicester City on Wednesday. And now that they have really lost a cup and Ravanelli has wept in public - things are just awful.

Middlesbrough supporters used to sing a chorus of Que sera, sera which went (I think) "Que sera, sera, Start putting the beers on ice, we're going to Wembley twice, Che sera sera." That's called hubris. that is.

On a happier note, my drastic removal to the North West worked a treat as far as the Chelsea Jinx Effect is concerned, which means there is a half-chance that the FA Cup Final will now be a game of two blwamis - a blwamiad. Doubtless I will be banned from attending, but i state here and now that I shall not only watch it at home chanting "Vialli, Vialli!" even if he's not playing, but shall also register several stout votes for David Ginola, if only for old times' sake.

#### . TELEVISION CHOICE

## Do you remember when...

Timewatch: Back to the Iron Age BBC2, 7.10pm

BBC2, 7.10pm

Older viewers may recall an experiment mounted by the BBC in which a group of volunteers agreed to live for a year in Iron Age conditions. Living in the Past was the series which charted their progress. Twenty years later some of the participants reflect on their experiences in a film which tries to assess the authenticity of the attempt to reconstruct a 2,000-year-old lifestyle. The message is that every generation imposes its own outlook on the past. This was reflected in the group's obsession with cleanliness, democratic decision-making and privacy, none of them Iron Age values. And modern vegetarianism struggled with the necessity to live off animals. John Percival, who produced the original series, has come up with an stimulating film which makes you think that if the experiment was repeated now the results that if the experiment was repeated now the results could be quite different.

BBCZ, 9\_30pm

The premise of this new sitcom by Richard Preddy and Gary Howe seems to be that the coarser the language and the behaviour the funnier it will be. We are so shocked that we have to laugh, or so the writers hope. It is a dangerous strategy but it may just work, once the scene-setting is out of the way. Two brothers inherit a rundown larm, Ray (Phil Daniels) is a drunken lout, Ken (Mark Addy) a half-wit who dresses up in women's clothes. Hardly have the opening credits rolled than Ray soon gets himself covered in animal excrement, thus setting the tone for much of what follows. In contrast to the squalid pair are Helen (Beth Goddard) and Justin (Tony Gardner), a nice middle-class city couple who have decided to try the rural life. The friction between the brothers and the incomers, and Ray's lecherous designs on Helen, promise to sustain much of the humour.

Have I Got News For You BBC2, 10.00pm

The approach to a general election seems the ideal time to bring back Angus Deayton. Paul Merton and lan Hislop, with the promise that if political balance has to be maintained it will only mean

Do they have news for you? (BBC2, 9.00)

insulting everybody equally. This latest helping of topical irreverence takes the show into its 13th series and the formula seems good for a few years yet. After all, the Radio 4 parent, The News Quiz, has been running since the 1970s. If Deayton and company sometimes take too much delight in being crude for crude's sake, there is usually sufficient wit to compensate. As usual the show is coy about announcing its guests too far in advance. But we should not expect an appearance tonight from Swampy, the roads protestor, despite previous publicity.

Channel 4, 10.30pm

A 27-year-old comic from Glasgow, Phil Kay opens his first television series by facing the audience naked. It is an arresting start, though luckily the full flash is over in a flash and he does the rest of the show covered up. Kay's act, very much in the modern idiom, is a fast-talking, arm-waving stream of naneance annaremity concorted on the stream of nonsense, apparently concocaed on the hoof. He does not so much tell jokes as assault the nool. He does not so much with joined as assault the eardrums. The humour is difficult to pin down and defies conventional categories. But if the sight of kay stepping on a piece of horse excrement tickles your funny bone, or getting a male member of the audience to totter across the stage in a pair of women's stilettos, this could be the your night. The older generation, however, may pine for Morecambe and Wise.

Peter Waymark

#### RADIO CHOICE

Our Roving Reporter. Radio 4, 10.00am (FM only)

The mark of the broadcast reporter is that he or she is the product of a system. This creates professionalism, but there is a danger that it filters out personality. This is not some depressing modern trend, but what is different is that, now, it is hard to think of anyone in current affairs broadcasting who is quirky, one of the many approving words that could be applied to Pyfe Robertson. He arrived on television's Tonight programme in the 1960s at the age of 55 with no previous experience, distinguished only by an abilty to write well, a beard and a funny tweed hat. Through his new career he became a national treasure and this programme amply demonstrates the reasons why.

RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Raddiffe 9.00 Sknon Mayo 12.00 Jo White 5.30 Pets Tong 10.00 One in the Jungle 12.00 Radio 1 Rap Show with Tim Westwood 3.00em Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

6,00am Sarah Kennedy 6.05 Wake Up to Wogan 10.00 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jaminy Young 1.30 Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Friday Night is Music Night From the Hippodrome, Goldens Green. With the BBC Concert Orchestra under Robin Stapleton 9,15 Last Orders. Read by George Cole (2/8) 9.30 Listen to the Band 10.00 Sheridan Morley 12.05am Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00cm Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfest Programme 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2.00pm Ruscoe on Five, includes racing from Newbury 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.20 Friday Sport with John Munray, Rugby League: Super League, Parts St Germain v Bradford Suffe, Football Ipswich v Norwich from Nationwide Division One 10.00 Brian Hayes's Election Night 12.00 After Hours 2.00am Up All Night

TALK RADIO

6.00am On Alr, with Andrew McGregor. Includes Bech (Brandenburg Concerto No 2 in F. BWV 1048); Strauss (Symphoria Domestica): Shosiakovich (Prekude and Fugue, Op 87 No 10); Gershwin (Phapsody in Blue, original version), Elgar (Celio

9.00 Morning Collection, with Penny Gore (ncludes Mozart (Overture from The Magic Plute); Haydri (Plano Trio in E flat minor, HXV); Mendelssohn

(Plano Into in E tlat minor, HXV); Mendelssonn (Concent for Violin, Plano and Strings in D minor) Musical Encounters, with Chris De Souza. Includes Weber (Overture Oberon), Shostakovich (Kreutzer Sonata); Bach, transcribed Mortensen (Violin Partita in BWV1004); Howells (Agnus Dei, Missa Sabrunensis); Schubert (Five Minuets in Sor Trios); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E minor, Op 90); Brahms (Double Concerto in A minor);

90); Brahms (Double Concerto in A minor);
12.00 Composer of the Weelc Forgotten Glente of
the 18th-Century Opera. Paul Gunery
introduces highlights from Niccolo Jorninelli's
drama Armide Abbandonala
1.00pm News; Bristol Lunchtime Concert. Chris De
Souza introduces a concert by I Fagolini. Plus a
programmo exploring the connections between
early Renalssance French chansons and Italian
madrigalo. Featuring works by Josquin, Lassus.
Arcadett and William
2.00 Private Passions. Michael Berfeeley talks to John

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) Private Passions. Michael Berkeley talks to John
Tusa, chief executive of the Barbican Centre in
London. Includes Verdi (fil Trovatore); Schubert
(Piano Sonata in B flat; D960); Schubert

(Plano Scrieto in D. Illar, D.Sury, Scrieto in C. (Schwanengesang) (r)

3.00 Mixing the Archive. Sandy Burnott presents a contest from the 1966 season of Promenades with the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Antal Dorati. Includes Mozort (Mesonic Funeral Music, K477,

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorrane Kally 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Dwelpine, with Peter Desley 7.00 Maz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 Mike Allen 1.00am Ian Collins

Hear and Now, Radio 3. 10pm

The most irritating cry of the past few weeks has been: "There's nothing on except the election". Actually there is an awful lot on beyond the warring politicians and the hours between lopm and midnight, when Radio 4 and the television networks are busy analysing soundbites, form a particularly productive escape road. Sarah Walker is a scothing and intelligent presenter and tonight is a soothing and intelligent presenter and tonight she talks to Andrew Hugili, who has written a new "night piece" commissioned by the BBC and called Nocturne. It is played tonight by Andrew Ball and Suzanne Cheetham, piano, and Simon Allen, percussion. Other music in the programme includes Kagel's Phantasiestück and Song Offering by Jonathan Harvey. Peter Barnard

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour 5,30am Europe Today All times in BST. News on the hour 5,309m Europe 10039 6,30 Europe Today 7.15 The World Today 7.30 Meridian Books 8.15 On the Shell 8.30 Composer of the Month 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Pertormance 9.30 John Peel 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Neighbours 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Sport 11.30 Assignment 12.30 pm. Focus on Faith 1.05 Business Report 1.15 British Today 1.30 Whal's That You're Eating 1.45 Sport 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack 4.05 Football Edta 4.15 Streets of Outlook 4.30 Multitrack 4.05 Football Edta 4.15 Streets of Outlook 4.30 Multitrack 4.05 Football Edta 4.15 Sport 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Multitrack 4.05 Football Extra 4.15 Streets of London 4.30 Science in Action 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business Report 5.45 Brazin Today 8.15 The World Today 6.30 Record News 6.45 Sport 7.30 Reports from the Silk Road 8.00 Outlook 8.25 Pause for Thought 8.30 Multitrack 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 People and Politics 10.45 Sport 11.30 The Today 12.06 Outlook 12.30am The Vintage Charl Show 1.30 Turning a Tune 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 The World 3.30 Foots on Fell 4.05 Business Report 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today 4.45 Off the Shaff 4.15 Sport 4.30 Europe Today 4.45 Off the Shelf

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Gritiths 7.00 Mike Read 9.00 Hall of Fame 10.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Election '97 1.00pm Lunchtime Concerto. Mczart (Plano Concerto No 25 in C major, K503) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Classic Newsright 7.30 Sonata J. C. F. Bach (Tro Sonata in G major, F VII/5) 8.00 Evening Concert. Schubert (Symphony No 3 in D) 10.00 Jane Markham 2.00am Lunchtime Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

8.00mm Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dane 1.00pm Jerem Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 7.00 Paul Coyle (FM) 10.00 Alas Freeman 12.00 Mark Forrest 2.00mm Howard Pearce

**FOOTBALL** 

## Liverpool remain positive

BEFORE the event, Liverpool had proclaimed the Merseyside derby on Wednesday as a "must-win" game. In the event, they failed to get the win they wanted dropping not only two points but also losing their striker, Robbie Fowler, from the final three games of the season after he was sent off for violent conduct. Yesterday, Liverpool were

putting a brave face on things. Roy Evans, the manager, reit-erated his conviction, offered in the immediate aftermath of the game, that winning one point in a 1-1 draw from the visit to Goodison Park could prove invaluable and even questioned whether the "mustwin" scenario has now transferred to the match tomorrow morning with the FA Carling Premiership leaders, Man-chester United.

"That point keeps us right in it," he said. "If we don't win on Saturday, it will be a kick in the teeth, but it still doesn't come down to one game. We're in the middle of our difficult spell, but United still have theirs to come, with four games in eight days — and everyone is ignoring Arsenal, but they are right in it too and have the easiest run-in."

Nevertheless, Liverpool could hardly avoid reflecting that, once again, with the opportunity beckoning to put pressure on United, they had shot themselves in the foot; Defensive uncertainties and missed chances let Everton hack into the game after the visitors had dominated the early stages, mistakes compounded by the loss of Fowler. Fowler and David Unsworth, the Everton defender sent off for fighting with the Liverpool forward.

face three-match suspensions. Depending on the referee's report. Fowler may face further charges for reviving the disagreement on the way off the field. Even if he does not, it is a costly time for Fowler to be suspended, just when his partnership with McManaman was burgeoning.
Craig Brown, the Scotland
manager, has told John Col-

lins and Paul Lambert that they will take part in the Scots' build-up to the crucial World Cup group four qualifying match with Sweden on April 30 instead of playing for their clubs, as they had hoped. Brown yesterday named the midfield players in his 21-man party for the qualifying tie and revealed that he is invoking

the five-day ruling of Fifa, football's world governing body, to make sure the pair are with him for a training session on the Saturday before the game in Gothenburg. Collins will miss AS Monaco's French league encounter with Marseilles and Lambert Borussia Dortmund's meeting with Arminia Bielefeld in Germany, both on April 26. Germany, both on April 20.

SCOTLAND SQUAD (v Sueden in Gothenburg, April 30; T Boyd (Celtic), C Burley (Chesses), C Calderwood (Totterham Hotspu), J Collins (AS Monsco), D Ferguson (Everton), K Gellacher (Blackburn Rovers), S Germall (Nottingham Forest), C Hendry (Blackburn Rovers), S Howle (Motherwell), D Jackson (Horrhan), Laighton (Horrison), B McAllister (Normand), J Laighton (Horrison), J McGeltary (Botton Wandersty, T McClaris (Celtic), W McGrisey (Blackburn Rovers), A McLaren (Rengers), P McSley (Celtic), N Sufficen (Wirnbedon), P McSley (Celtic), N Sufficen (Wirnbedon)

Answers from page 42 **OPISTHENAR** 

(c) The back of the hand. In pronouncing, the stress falls on the

pis-, "Mum." you scream from the bathroom at 6.30 am. when she is only just beginning to fumble towards wakefulness, "I've got nasty little red spots all over my opisthenar." UXORIOUS

(c) Excessively fond of a wife. From the Latin. There is nothing in the ctymology that encludes the word's coverage of the wives of others. The equivalent word for women who are excessively fond of husbands is maritorious. Elizabeth Taylor is maritorious. BORBORYGM (c) The noise made by gas in the bowels. Breaking wind. Yes, a fart. "Mann, Jamie's doing work experience in Social Welfare Studies this term. He goes round a different suburb every Thursday afternoon leaving borborygus in phone boxes."

(b) Since Vietnam, we all know what napalm is. But did you know that the word is a portmanteau from napthenate palminate? Of course not. Nor does your neighbour, the one with the three yapping Jack Russells in his garden. "Yes, I've noticed that the dogs seem very restless, John. Have you tried naphthenate palminte? I hear it's good for that sort of thing."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1 ... Bxg2! 2 Nxg2 Nxh3+ 3 Kfl Qh2 and wins. e.g. 4 Rxe7 Qg1+ 5 Kc2 Qxf2 RADIO 3 Ave Verum Corpus, K618; Kyrie in D minor); Beethoven (Missa Solemnis) 5.00 Music Machine, Will Menter asks whether English

inhaid teachine, voli martial assis whether brights church music can have the same effect as Zimbabwean manmba music in Tune, with Jeremy Nicholas Includes Sullivan (Overfure from the Mikado); Stemdale Bennett (Three Musical Sketches, Op 10). Strauss

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(Burteske)
7.30 BBC Scottlish Symphony Orchestra, live from
the Music Hall Aberdeen, under Osmo Vanska,
with Jennifer Koh, violin Britlen (Four Sea
Interludes from Peter Gimmes), Nielsen (Violin
Concerto) 8.25 The Mystery of Sabana Vasifrev by
Chris Dolan. The story of a beautiful Czech
woman who flees her native country for Glasgow
in the wake of the political unrest in 1989. Pead by
Kenneth Gienaan to 8.45 Concert, part two

in the wake of the political urrest in 1989. Read by Kerneth Gienaan II, 8.45 Concert, part two Beethoven (Symphony No 7 in A).

9.40 Amours de Voyage. Tom Paulin introduces the conclusion of Arthur Hugh Clough's satrical verse noted Claude must decide whether to reinquish his chance of a relationship with Mary Read by Nicholas Boulten and Samantha Bond (5/5).

10.00 Hear and Now. See Choice.

11.30 Composer of the Week: Rosss (r).

12.30am Everything but the Crazyhouse. Russell. Davies continues the su-part sense septoring the life and work of the saxophonist Sofrey Bechel. After being deported from London. Bechet returned to New York whore he made his first recording. Within two years he was sharing a recording session with Louis Amstrong (2/6) (r).

1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod includes Choral Concert, Chamber Recital and at 5.00 Sequence. 5.00 Sequence

5.55am Shipping (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10
Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, includes Thought for the Day 8.50 Party
Election Broadcast, by the Labour Party
9.00 News 9.05 Election Call, Pater Sissons purs
listener's questions to John Prescott, deputy
leader of the Labour Party, Call 0345-514614 (r)
10.00 News: Our Royling Reporter, See Choice

10.00 News; Our Roving Reporter. See Choice
10.30 Woman's Hour, with Right Wishart Serial: The
Portrait of a Lody
11.30 The Natural History Programme, Presented by

11.30 The Natural History Programme, Presented by Joanna Pinnock
12.00 News; You and Yours, with Mark Writtaker
12.25pm Food Programme. Presented by Derek
Cooper 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at Onse, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Porecest
2.00 Classic Serial: Bealds the Ocean of Time, by George Mackay Brown and dramatised by Stuart
Conn Thorlinn's loss of Sophie and his faither's remainage echo other changes in the island's life With Paul Marrow (2/2) (r)
3.00 News; The Aftermoon Shift, with Lautie Taylor David Cook investigates some of history's more absurd electoral victors, including goats, pigs and coppess

corpses
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope, Tim Marlow sees a double bill of new films from director Abel Ferrara, including The Funeral staning Christopher Walken 4.45 Short Story: Squirret, by lain Grant. Start of a clothing firm are shocked when the chafman appoints a glove pupper as managing director (r) 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News. In the gardening magazine Edi Stark and guesta explore the treasures of the

RADIO 4

R. H. S. Lindley Library
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week. Chis Seile presents his selection of extracts from SBC radio and television 8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby chairs the topical debate from Hazhrey With Foreign Secretary. Malcolim Rikund; Liz Lynne, Liberal Democrat spokeswoman on social security. Ruth Deech, principal of St Anne's College Oxford 8.50 Lumière's Children, Christopher Cook continues in look at developments in technology and its effects on the firm industry. Georges Metes startled audiences with screen magic beginning a lend for film-makers to visual the impossible in 9.15 Letter from America, by Alistair Cooke 9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature. Brian Sabley explores how Frank Capita Silins became the embodment of the American Way. In the sport of this most famous film, it's A Wonderful Life, the programme mes to imagine popular culture if Capita had never been both for the World Tonkohit, with Rober Listing.

been born (r)

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lusting

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Go-Bettween, by

L.P. Hartey Read by John Rowe (10.16)

11.00 Week Ending. The topacal comedy sketch show
with Solly Grace

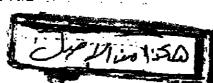
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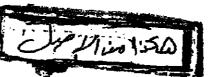
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woman embaking on her career (1/4) (r)
12,00 News 12.30 The Late Book; Spilled Salt by Barbara Neely A mother's love is tosted when her son returns home after serving a prison sentence for rape (1) (8/10).

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

FREQUENCY GUIDE. RADIO 1. FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2. FM 88.0-90.2. RADIO 3. FM 90.2-92.4. RADIO 4. FM 92.4-94.6: LW 198; NW 720. RADIO 5 LIVE. MW 683, 909. WORLD SERVICE. MW 648; LW 198 (12.45-5.55am). CLASSIC FM. FM 100-102. VIRGIN RADIO. FM 105.8; MW 1197, 1215. TALK RADIO. MW 1053, 1089, Telewision and radio listings compiled by Peter Deer, Ian Hughes, Rosembry Smith, Susan Thomson, Jane Gregory and John McNamera.





# Ritual sacrifice of real life in EastEnders

You have to admire the audacity. To have an episode as silly and corny as last night's EastEnders (BBC1) and remain absolutely certain that what passes for real life in Walford will be seamlessly resumed next week takes real nerve. There was even a moment of almost genuine emotion, for goodness sake. "I just want you to know, son, that I love you very much," whispered Frank (Mike Reid) in one of his fleeting, fly-by-day appearances. "I'm very happy for you." Blink and you missed him ... but at least you could see again.

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But already I'm in danger of starting at the end, of jumping straight to the vintage Carry On giggle that Barbara Windsor had been saving for the occasion. Ricky and Bianca's big day, you see, had finally dawned, or, to be strictly accurate, had half-past-eighted. Bianca awoke in her own bed. nursing a modest hang-over which

was instantly soothed by the lorry driver, they got there with arrival of a morning cup-of-tea. Ricky awoke in a field, accompanied by Grant, Phil and Nigel.

You could tell this wasn't real life because all four were in far better shape than anybody who had been drinking heavily until three in the morning could expect to be. Sure, Grant went through the motions: "I've got a throat like a coalminer's jockstrap", but you could tell their headaches weren't really in it. Nigel even managed a bit of French.

"Je suis un hovercraft," he explained, in the mistaken belief that they were either in France or a long-lost episode of 'Allo, 'Allo, Turned out they were in Kent. The question was (as the question always is) would they get Ricky to the church on time. Of course they did - thanks to a farmer straight our of Cold Comfort Farm, a vintage tractor (at one point over-taken by a bicycle) and an obliging whiff of cod . . . with perhaps just a vintage tractor (at one point over-

absolutely no minutes to spare. "Round again, round again," urged Mark, as the bride's car arrived before the groom's truck.

The knot, however, was eventually tied, but only after Ricky and Phil's ties were belatedly knotted. And only after an impromptu and possibly illadvised group therapy session led by the right-on, good-looking vicar. He hoped Ricky and Bianca's vows would "remind some of you of the vows you have taken" Kathy looked at Phil, Tiffany glanced at Grant and Carol smiled at Alan. Pat looked confused. Thank goodness David hadn't made it - we'd

have been there all night. As the happy couple exited the church. Bianca wrinkled her pretty, newly-married nose: "Can you smell something?" Ricky couldn't REVIEW



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hint of baloney. As for next week's resumption of real life that I promised you earlier - forget it. I'd forgotten about Dot Cotton.

I wish I had forgotten about Keeping Mum (BBCI) but unfortunately it's one of those sitcoms that seems to stay with you, in that i-can't-believe-anyhody-thoughtthis-would-be-funny sort of way. Last night, it made the most depressing sitcom debut since

Next of Kin, which for anybody who might have forgotten was the one about the three children orphaned by a car crash and brought up by their ghastly grandparents. By contrast, Keeping Mum is the one about the elderly mother (Stephanie Cole) displaying the early symptoms of senility and her two sons, the nice but feeble one (Martin Ball) who looks after her and the nasty but successful one (David Haig) who

doesn't. Sounds great, eh? Perhaps there is an army of long-suffering carers out there who think jokes about electric kettles on gas-rings, making cheese-on-toast in toasters and spraying deodorant on geraniums are funny? Perhaps it will cash in on the inexplicable success of Forrest Gump? Perhaps a second (and even third) series, will be commissioned, just like Next of Kin. Then again ...

Apparently, it's an adaptation of

an Australian series, but in relocatexquisite . . . even if the scientific ing to Bristol the producers have inadvertently. I'm sure - echoed the structure of the Peter Nichols play, Born in the Garden, It, 100, was about an elderly, batty mother who lived with her weary, middleaged son and it, 100, gained mileage from the Bristolian habit of adding additional "I's" to words. But it was seriously funny, while Keeping Mum is seriously not. Bit of a fiascol, really.

That turned out to be the gem of the evening was Horizon: Turned On by Danger (BBC2), a programme which held a special resonance for me. You see, I was taught biology by a former Bunny girl (no, really: O Levels. A Levels, proper stuff) and here was another former Bunny girl, Dr Polly Matzinger, telling me - and indeed the rest of the world - that we'd got it all wrong. The symmetry was

conclusions were just a little frustrating.

Like Mrs P (I still treasure the memory of the afternoon she brought her ears in to show us), Matzinger was a game girl, quite happy to exploit her modestly racy past, her hippy-chick looks and her breathless, Rita Rudner delivery style, if it helped get her message over. And help it did. While some of the fey establishing scenes seemed gratuitous, I suspect many of us would not have made it to the end of her complex and contentious theory of immunology without it.

Fittingly, her breakthrough moment (when she realised that things that are dangerous are things that cause damage) came in the bath. "I jumped out of the bath, totally naked, dripping water all over the house... Science hadn't been this much fun for ... ooh, about 20 years.

THE STATE OF THE S 6.00am Business Breakfast (22963) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (1) (70533760)

9.05 Election Call Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, John Prescott answers viewers' questions. Simultaneous broad-cast with Radio 4 (9232031) 10.00 Style Challenge (81031)

10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (62321) 11.00 News (T) regional news and weather (4429895)

11.05 The Really Useful Show (9962586) 11.35 Change That (6386760) 12.00 News (I) regional news and weather (4196963)

12.05 Call My Bluff (5748692) 12.35 Good Living (9579963) 1.00 News (T) and weather (37708) 1.30 Regional News and weather (50116147)

1.45 The Weather Show (39607654) 1.50 Neighbours (T) (22534302) 2.15 Quincy The illegal burial of typhoid supplies in Los Angeles (3649215)

3.00 Through the Keyhole With guests Russ Williams, Diane Youdale and Roy Walker 3.30 Mouse and Mole (9589654) 3.35

Playdays (r) (6883944) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (r) (6944050) 4.10 Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (T) (8974963) 4.35 Clarisse Explains it Ali (r) (T) (7208963) 5.00 Newsround (T) (5957012) 5.10 Blue Peter (C) (619002) (T) (6182893)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (832857) 6.00 News (T) and weather (741) 6.30 Regional News (T) (743050) 6.55 Election Broadcast: Natural Law Party

7.00 Big Break Jimmy White joins Matthew Stevens and Darren Morgan as they do battle on the batze, Hosted by Jim Davidson and John Virgo (T) (7654)

7.30 Top of the Pops Rundown of the latest hits, including new videos, pre-chart sounds and live performances (1) (505) 8.00 Porridge Godber enters the world of until certain people decide it would be best all-round if he took a fall in the prison championships (r) (T) (6302)

8.30 A Question of Sport David Coleman asks the questions in the light-hearted quiz as regulars Ally McCoist and John Parrott lead the teams of sporting celebrities wing for victory (1) (5437)

9.00 News (T) and weather (4031) 10.00 Papillon (1973) with Steve McQueen, Dustin Holfman, Anthony Zerbe and Don Gordon, Semi-factual account of an innocent man jailed for murder, who dreams of escaping from the notorious Devil's Island. Directed by Franklin

Schaffner (T) (10716234) 12.25 Plaza Suffe (1971) with Walter Malthau,
Maureen Stapleton and Barbara Harris.
Matthau appears as three different
characters in a trio of sketches set in the same room at New York's luxurious Plaza Hotel Adaptation of Neil Simon's stage cornedy. Directed by Arthur Hiller (409762)

2.15-2.20 Weather (3099161)

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2.25 Racing from Newbury The 2.40; 3.10 and 3.40 races (6946012) 3.55 News (1)
4.00 Blockbusters (6511321) 4.25
Ready, Steady, Cook (6521708) 4.55
Esther (9680741) 5.30 Today's the Day (470)

6.00 The Simpsons (T) (936673) 6.20 Star Trek (r) (T) (671470)

7.10 Timewatch: Back to the Iron Age (1) (699296)

8.00 A Golfer's Travels with Peter Alliss in South Africa where he meets Gary Sobers, F.W. De Klerk and Gary Player 8.30 Gardeners' World Alan Titchmarsh

builds an arbour, and Gay Search visits Columbia Road flower market in London. Plus, Steven Lacey's third report from Holland (T) (3079)

9.00 Have I Got News for You Paul Merton and Ian Hislop are joined by environmental activist Swampy (5031)



Phil Daniels and Mark Addy (9.30pm)

Sunnyside Farm First of a six-part sitcom about two brothers attempts to scrape a living on a farm. Starring Phil Daniets, Michael Kitchen, Mark Addy and Beth Goddard (T) (91321)

10.00 Rab C. Nesbitt (r) (T) (52944) 10,30 Newsnight (T) (32586) 11.30 Election Broadcast: Natural Law Party

11.35 Space: Above and Beyond Conclusion of a two-part story (924316) 12.20am This Life (r) (T) (6773451)

1.05 Here on Earth (1993) Portuguese drama about a man depressed by his lather's death and another who has killed his guilinend's lover, who meet under strange circumstances. Directed by Joao Botelho 2.50 Weather (6056203)

6.00am GMTV (6427708)

9.25 Chain Letters (T) (3359031) 9.55 Regional news (1) (2488418) 10.00 The Time, the Place (83499) 10.30 This Morning (T) (61848079)

12.20pm Regional News (T) and weather (4192147) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9565760) 12.55 Our House (9580079) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (64942654) 1.50 Murder, She Wrote (r) (2117789) 2.49 HTV Crimestoppers (7619499) 2.50 Garden

3.20 News (T) (7490050) 3.25 Regional news (T) (7499321)

3.30 Rosle and Jim (6936031) 3.40 Canoon Time (6956895) 3.55 Zzzap! (6898876) 4.15 Where's Wally? (r) (8968302) 4.40 Crazy Cottage (T) (8011302) 5.10 A Country Practice (1322031)

5.40 News (T) and weather (576073) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (842760) 6.25 HTV Weather (728741) 6.30 The West Tonight (789)

7.00 Lucky Numbers Game show hosted by Shane Richie (T) (5050)



Hinsliff and Barrie (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Alma Don (Geoff Hinsliff) (T) (20586)

8.30 The Bill: Parklife Loxion and Keane are Hill park while investigating the burglary at a chemist's and a slabbing incident (T)

9.00 The Grand Period drama charting the lives and loves of the staff and residents of a swish hotel between the wars. Stephen steals money from the hotel to finance his romantic and social life (1) 10.00 News (T) and weather (49470)

10.30 Election Broadcast; Natural Law Party (T) (846760)

10.35 Regional News (T) (577128) 10.45 Hotel (T) (456031)

11.20 At the Albert The cream of Bristol's jazz musicians perform the music of the late, Charles Mingus (639437) 12.20am Alfred Hitchcock

(5088068)12.40 Dead Run (1991) with Marke Post, Robert Urich and Michael Beck.
Suspense thriller about a young Texan wite who witnesses her husband killing his mistress and makes a dash for the

county line. Directed by Vincent McEveety (316258) 2.25 Club Nation (T) (5926109) 3.25 Funky Bunker (4467432)

4.20 Phenomena (94570890) 4.30 Coronation Street (r) (T) (29845) 5.30 News (86971)

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2,50-3,20 Our House (5748050) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1322031) 6.25-7.00 Central News (124147) 10.45 Central Weekend Election Special

12.15am Weekly World News (62987) 12.45 Funky Bunker (247432) 1.45 Baywatch (6286548) 2.40 Cyber Cafe (3687364)

3.05 Movie Club (75283548) 3.35 Dating the Enemy (2572838) 4.30 Central Jobfinder '97 (9903906) 5.20 Asian Eye (2105971)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except: 12.55 Home and Away (9580079) 1.25 Wish You Were Here? (70548673) 1.55 Blue Heelers (1118215) 2.45-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (4026302)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1322031) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (83302) 10.45 Film: Say Anything (16350031)

MERIDIAN As HTV West except: 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9580079) 1.55 Savannah (2125708) 2.50-3.20 Michael Barry's Undiscovered Cooks (5748050) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (1322031) 6.00-7.00 Meridian Tonight (83302)

10.45 Highlander (661876) 11.40 A406 (906876) 12.10am Campus Cops (3763118)

4.30 Yan Can Cook: The Best of China (40242)As HTV West except

12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (9580079) 1.55 Savannah (2125708) 2.50-3.20 Liza's Country (5748050) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1322031) 6.25-7.00 Anglia News (124147)

10.45 Cross Question Election '97 (940)079) 11.45 The Movie Show Special: The Specialist (256383) 12.10am Short Story Cinema (3763116)

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(T) (66147) 9.30 Those British Faces: Will Hay (32627) 10.00 The Goose Steps Out (1942, b/w) with Will Hay A comedy about a Nazi spy lookalike who is persuaded to parachute into Germany and steal a secret weapon. Directed by Basil Dearden and Will Hav

11.20 Joe McDoakes (b/wi (4416321) 11.30 Australia Wild (r) (1692) 12.00 The Lost Gardens of Heligan (r) (T) (46383) 12.30pm Light Lunch (61609) 1.30 Pete

Smith Specialties (50118505)

1.40 In This Our Life (1942, b/w) with Bette Davis and Otivia de Havilland, A melo-drama about a wicked woman who does the dirty on her sister. Directed by John

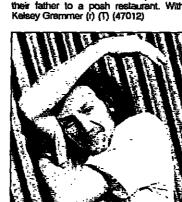
Huston (T) (76662470) 3.30 Travelling Light Tim Grundy and Peter Hamilton end their trip to the Shetlands (1) (895) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (1) (302) 4.30 Countdown (T) (586) 5.00 Ricki Lake (T) (5988) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (166) 6.00 TFI Friday The guests include Matt Le Blanc and Jon Bon Jovi (81944)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (628708) 7.50 Thatcher's Children (T) (646128) 8.00 The Lost Gardens of Heligan in the last of the series. Tim Smit and John Willis explore the "Lost Valley", discovered almost by accident since it pre-dated the

existing maps and plans of the gardens (T) (9012) 8.30 Brookside Bel plucks of the courage to visit Susannah (T) (8147)

9.00 Caroline in the City Caroline's agent strikes a deal for her cartoon strip to appear on a cereal box (1) (7499) 9.30 Spin City Michael launches himself back onto the dating scene (1) (93789)

10.00 Frasier Niles and Frasier attempt to take their father to a posh restaurant. With Kelsey Grammer (r) (T) (47012)



The comedian Phil Kay (10.30pm)

10.30 Phil Kay Feels . . . Natural A new comedy series (1/6) (T) I466418>

11.05 TF1 Friday (r) (613499) 12.05 am Party Election Broadcast by one of the parties outside the three main ones (5034971)

12.15 Ruby (1977) with Piper Laurie as the owner of a drive-in chema controlled by an evil spirit. Directed by Curtis Harrington and Stephanie Rothman (584155)

1.45 Just for Laughs Includes Father Ted's Ardal O'Hanlon (r) (9740277) 2.20 The Monster (1975) with Joan Collins as the mother of a diabolically cursed child.

Directed by Peter Sadsy (460890) 4.10-6.00 O.H.M.S (1936, b/w) with Wallace Ford A vintage British comedy drama directed by Raoul Walsh (239838) GENERAL PROPERTY.

6.00am 5 News Early (7659128) 7.30 Havakazoo (2779586) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (2397215) 8.30 Wideworld: The State of the Union The world of the House of Representatives (2396588)

9.00 Espresso (5396437)

10.00 Exclusive (r) (6604586)

10.30 Nancy Lam (r) (T) (2309050) 11.00 Leeza (9536234) 11.50 Double Espresso (45100079) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (2390302) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T)

(9281418) 1.00 5 News Update (92204654) 1.05 Sunset Beach is bail out of the question

for Annie? (T) (6306128) 2.00 5's Company (1170003) 3.30 Cover Girl (1944, b/w) Comedy musical with Rita Hayworth, Gene Kelly and Phil Silvers. Directed by Charles Vidor

(6871321) 5.25 Election Broadcast on behalf of the Natural Law Party (14149654)

5.30 100 Per Cent Quiz (1246321) 6.00 Whittle Quiz (T) (1243234) 6.30 Family Affairs Jack makes Maria an offer he soon regrets (T) (1234586)



7.30 Wildlife SOS Featuring a badger trapped between two houses and a swan badly injured in a hit-and-run accident (1) (1223470)

8.00 Attractions Darren Day provides a guided tour of Bristol, Lisa Coleman (Jude in Casualty) visits a monkey sanctuary and Tim Vincent takes the controls of a Chieftain tank (1160418)

8.30 5 News (1149925) 9.00 Why My Daughter? (1993) with Linda Gray, Jamie Luner and Antonio Sabato Jr. A mother embarks on a legal light to the bring her daughter's killer to justice. Directed by Chuck Bowman (32871437)

10.50 Exclusive Extra (5051654) 11.00 Jack Docherty Show (4692429) 11.40 Club Class Cornedy, music (2441692)

12.10 News and Sport (2743987) 12.15am The Class of Miss MacMichael
[1979] with Glenda Jackson and Oliver
Reed. A teacher sacrifices her personal
life to educate a class of misfits. Directed

by Silvio Narizzano (3220708) 1.55 Blood Brothers (1983) with Mia Kort, Clark Johnson and Richard Chevolleau. A young boy faces a dilemma when he witnesses a gang murder and realises that his brother is one of the killers. Directed by Bruce Pittman (6529890)

3.40 Throb Cornedy (93922797) 4.00 Night Stand Spoof chat (3006432) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (6466093) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (5344074)

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8.00em Morrang Glory (991741) 9.00 Regis and Kathle Lee (92294) 10.00 Another World (44012) 11,00 Days of Our Lives (64875) 12,00 The Oprah Wirtsey Show (14295) 1.00pm Geratio (23944) 2.00 Sally Jessy Rephael (20944) 3.00 Jenny Jones (23470) 4.00 Oprah with the Star (42505) 5.00 Star Trek The Next Generation (1499) 5.00 Real TV (7769) 8.30 Marrad — with Children (7441) 7.00 The Simpsons (2128) DAM HER IV (7789) 8-30 MARROD — WITH Children (1741) 7.00 The Sampsons (2129) 7-20 M-4'S"H (7925) 8.00 JAG (62857) 8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger (75321) 10.00 High incident (65709) 11.00 Selma Scott (1790) 4 apr Sm. "The The Med Concern-43234) 11.30 Star Trek. The Ned Genera-tor (40031) 12.30mm LAPO (95109) 1.00 Hit Mix Long Play (8203722)

7.00cm Superboy (1597654) 8.00 Hercules (1506302) 9.00 Pacific Drive (1526166) 10.00 Tales from the Crypt (8444215) 10.30 Tales from the Crypt (8453963) 11.00 Late Show with Letterman (6011147) 12.00 Hit SKY NEWS

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SKY MOVIES 7.00em Kruli (1983) (50673) 9.00 Bigger Then Life (1985) (11694925) 10.55 First Knight (1995) (91910321) 1.10pm Dallase The Early Years (1986) (29828186) 2.30 Rough Diseaseds (1984) (88128) 5.00 Kruli (1983) (14708) 7.00 Live and Let-Die (1973) (41925) 9.00 First Knight (1997) 64145 Diseased (1997) (1995) (55195215) 11.15 Disclosure (1994) (5447385) 1.25am First Light (1995) (973093) 3.10 Mr Jones (1993)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

8.00am it Should Happen to You (1954) (1492) 8.00 Lionheart (1969) (25147) 8.00 What Next? (1974) (85944) 10.00 The Big Knite (1985) (37147) 12.00 Three Watten (1977) (12392692) 2.10pm The Day They Gave Bables Aumy (1957) (821944) 4.00 Lionheart (1969) (35215) 5.00 Winst Next? (1974) (7437) 8.00

Because Mommy Works (1995) (77925) 7.20 UK Top 10 (3963) 8.00 Radiant City (1996) (58283) 10.00 Mary Shelley's Frankenstein (1994) (56582983) 12.05cm Threecome (1994) (338800) 1.40 Menace II Society (1993) (971659) 3.20 Separate Lives (1994) (116529 5.05 Swiss Family Robinson (1997) (2502260)

SKY MOVIES GOLD 6.00pm The Buttle of the VBIs Floritz (1965) (8303470) 8.00 Ferris Bueller's Day Off (1966) (8315215) 10.00 Car Justice (1991) (2171383) 11.35 Blind Fury (1989) (8531596) 1.05am All the Hight Moves (1983) (4550074) 2.40 The Lost World (1980) (9334180) 4.20 Great Day in the Morning (1955) (9953242)

8.00pm WCW Nitro (69572496) 9.00 Ivan-hos (1952) (69575596) 11.00 After the Thin Man (1936) (75395296) 1.00em The Shop Around the Corner (1940) (13661906) 2.45-5.00 Ivanhoe (1952)

SKY SPORTS 1 7.00mm Sports Centre (14895) 7.30 Wres-ting (33586) 8.30 Racing News (65447) 9.00 Sports Centre (25437) 9.30 Aerobics

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8.00pm Live Cricket: West Indies v India (4824673) 10.00 Westing: Raw (1309857) 12.00-1.00am End Zone WLAF Review

12.00 Rebel Sports (935:3505) 12.30pm World Sport Spesial (57440147) 1.00 Football League Roview (57438302) 2.00 Sportish Football (25182673) 3.00 Live Cricial (31127383) 7.00 Live Friday Night Football (99697128) 10.00-12.00 Golf MCI Hantana Cluster (72736876)

SKY SPORTS 3

EUROSPORT

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Slater recalled for Ashes series

# Australia keep faith with troubled Taylor

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

AUSTRALIA will arrive in England next month with their most unsettled Ashes team for a decade. Their tour party, twice delayed by procrastinating, if not panicking selectors, was finally unveiled yesterday and exposed a rare indecision over the top-order batting and seam bowling.

For a change, it is Australia and not England who appear tain in world cricket, quite unsure what their best team might be. This encouraging message was transmitted by the speculative recall of Michael Slater, who has not played a Test match all winter, and of two fast bowlers, Brendon Julian and Michael Kasprowicz, from a shelf-load of apparently inadequate dis-

The reason for withholding the 17 names until the tour of South Africa was over is now party have been omitted. The most notable absentees are Matthew Hayden, Stuart Law and Paul Reiffel. Hayden and Law can now take up county contracts, with Hampshire and Essex respectively, and Yorkshire have swiftly covered the unexpected loss of Slater by engaging another unwanted Australian, the lefthanded batsman. Darren

Mark Taylor retains the

M.A. Taylor (New South Wales, S.R. Waugh (NSW, vice-captain M.E. Waugh (NSW) M.T.G. Elliott (Victoria)

captaincy, which is not so much a display of confidence in his recently wretched bat-ting but an admission that no alternative candidate could match his leadership skills. Ian Healy is too combustible, Steve Waugh too insular and Shane Warne too inexperienced, so Taylor, still the most astute and authoritative cap-

properly keeps the job. He will come here under immense pressure after failing to make a single half-century in his past 20 Test innings and being obliged to listen to a number of distinguished Australian old boys. Dennis Lillee prominent among them, advocating his replacement. "The fact that the selectors have stuck with me shows great

faith," he said yesterday. intriguingly, however, there is a change of lieutenant. Healy clearly lost some house points with the establishment through his untimely suspension for dissent in South Africa last month and later, when deputising for the rest-ing Taylor, admitted that captaincy affected his wicketkeeping. This combination of factors has cost him the vicecaptaincy, which passes to Steve Waugh.

Like Taylor, Waugh will be making his third Ashes tour.

Unlike Taylor, there is no question over his batting form and, with his twin brother, Mark, he forms the heart of the Australian order. Above and around the Waughs, however, there is a sense of confusion and the selection of Slater confirms Australia's problems in identifying a settled ton three

Slater was dropped after playing impetuously in the single Test in India last autumn. Banished to Sheffield Shield cricket, where his form was not spectacular, it was also believed that he needed to refocus on cricket and clear his mind of business concerns.

For Taylor and Slater, once unchallenged as the best opening combination in the world. it will be a little like starting out again in search of lost reputations. The inexperience of Matthew Elliott, who will have the perpetually peripheral Justin Langer as a rival for the No 3 position, simply adds to the uncertain look of the batting.

It was always obvious that the Australia bowling would depend heavily on Glenn McGrath and Warne and the selection confirms it. This is not in itself a condemnation, for these are two considerable bowlers. McGrath is now among the finest seamers in the world. Warne still the best spinner; if they remain fit and in form England will inevitably compare unfavourably.

The back-up bowling, however, is vulnerable. Jason Gillespie is an emerging force with the new ball but Julian, Kasprowicz and Andy Bichel are no better than a selection of English seamers. Reiffel's omission, in a country that suits his style so admirably, is a puzzle.

The selectors have also taken a calculated risk by declining to include a second specialist slow bowler. There is no finger spinner in the party, if one discounts Mark Waugh's occasional off breaks, and Michael Bevan, whose left-arm wrist spin bamboozled West Indies earlier this year, may not be quite so effective on English pitches.

The Australians are due to arrive in London on May 11 and remain worthy favourites to take the six-Test series. They are a formidable team, as their winter victories over West Indies and South Africa suggest. But though they continue to win series, they also lose matches too often for comfort. Their selection simply confirms that they are not quite the cohesive juggernaut of old and the England management need not be at all discouraged.





Claridge, left, has something to shout about after bringing success to Leicester, while the stench of relegation haunts Juninho at Middlesbrough

## Leicester endeavour to keep O'Neill

BY OLIVER HOLT **FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT** 

THE newsreaders ran interview after interview with disbelieving fans on the Leicester Sound radio station yesterday morning. They were only short clips, but the voices were high with emotion. Amid the shouting and the background noise of wild celebration, each spoke of the future and of exotic European destinations that they might visit while following Leicester City in the Uefa Cup next season. It was as if they had gone from the

boot camp to the Nou Camp in

one glorious night. The front page of the Leicester Mercury, too, was devoted to a huge picture of Steve Walsh, the Leicester City captain, holding the Coca-Cola Cup aloft beneath a banner headline that said, simply, "Yes". The significance of the victory over borough on Wednesday night

had not escaped anyone. It was more than just Leicester's first trophy since they won the same competi-tion 33 years ago. The 1-0 victory, courtesy of the welltravelled boot of Steve Claridge, and the reward of European football next season should hold together a team that has performed so creditably in the FA Carling Premiership this year and encourage Martin O'Neill, their highly-rated manager, to commit himself to the club by

signing a long-term contract. Leicester have suffered before in this department, losing Brian Little, to Aston Villa, and Mark McGhee, to Wolverhampton Wanderers, in

golf swing was so much a part of him that it would be

remembered as instinctively

as his ability to walk and talk.

How well he would be able to bring his overall game back into competitive kilter was less

As he walked towards the

lst tee at Royal Mougins yesterday morning. Carter admitted to feeling nervous

and jittery. "My one lear was

that the thinking side of the

game might have suffered," he said. "Last night, everything was going through my mind."

He need not have worried. His

round of 68, three under par,

put him alongside Stuart Cage, Paul Broadhurst and

Rolf Muntz, a shot behind

Stephen Scahill, of New

quick succession. O'Neill's re- be ready to meet one of his luctance to commit himself to a future at the club has already set alarm bells ringing at Filbert Street. The lure of European competition, though, and the promise of a stock market flotation that will raise £30 million this summer

club chairman, is thought to

manager's criteria for staying by making millions available to buy new players.

Quite how Leicester will fare against the European elite next season remains open to question. O'Neill, though, was intent on enjoying the moment. "We are in Europe," he said. "Can you believe that? It has been the most unbelievable 15 months of my life. I could not get a result for the first ten games and the natives were getting restless. They were restless again tonight. but for the right reasons. They

may be poised to go from strength to strength, but Middiesbrough's future seems more uncertain.

They face a relegation match against Sunderland at the Riverside Stadium tomorrow and, after the defeat on Wednesday, they may find it hard to raise themselves for the FA Cup semi-final replay against Chesterfield, at Hillsborough on Tuesday, which represents their last chance of salvaging some-thing from a difficult season.

Suddenly, the doomsday scenario of relegation and cup failure seems to be edging

German, English, or the work

of any other nation."

closer, particularly against a backdrop of the sort of farcical fixture congestion that Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, has complained about so vociferously.

For all the protestations to the contrary by the battleweary Robson, it is hard to see players of the calibre and refinement of Juninho, Emerson and Ravanelli ploughing through the drudgery of the Nationwide League first division. Claridge might like it down there, but the foreign legion would get a rough ride

in the boot camp.

Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, said yesterday that Paul Gascoigne would not be qualifying match against Georgia. Gascoigne has been sidelined by an ankle injury since January, but came on as David Davies, an FA spokesman, said: "We have always assumed that Uefa a substitute during Rangers' victory over Raith Rovers on Tuesday night. Hoddle has wants the best bid to win, be it already told the player he will not be named in his squad for  $\P$ the match on April 30, "Paul's not trained enough and he's Ticket sell-out, page 5 not had enough games," Hoddle said. Liverpool positive, page 46

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EXPRESSED in golfing

terms, a mere 52 days ago David Carter was one short

purt away from death. If the

two fellow professional golfers who found him unconscious in

his hotel room had arrived an

hour later than they did. he

would not have survived, but

he did and, on his competitive

return yesterday, he complet-ed a remarkable recovery from a brain virus by finish-

ing the first round of the

Cannes Open only one shot off

Carter's discovery by his friends came two days before

the start of the Dubai Desert

Classic in late February. "If they had been a bit later, I

would have been a goner," he

The 24-year-old had to have

a small hole drilled into his

skull so that fluid that was

causing pressure on the brain

could be drained off. It has left

him with a flawed, short-term

memory — five minutes after

he had been introduced to his

amateur partners in the pro-am on Wednesday, he had

After he had been allowed

home from the Dubai hospital

where he spent three weeks,

forgonen their names.

the lead.

#### may be enough to convince him to stay. O'Neill has worked wonders with the £5 million he has

spent since he joined the club. Some of the money from the flotation is to be spent on the redevelopment of Filbert Street, but Torn Smeaton, the

Uefa renews attack on FA By JOHN GOODBODY ENGLAND'S bid to stage the and believed their word." Lennart Johansson, the presi-

2006 football World Cup gained momentum yesterday. After a meeting in a hotel in Geneva, Uefa agreed that both England and Germany could apply to stage the tournament when Fifa, the world governing body, asks

for applications next year. But afterwards the European governing body reiterated its claim that there had been a "gentleman's agreement for Uefa to support Germany and noted with surprise" that the Football Association "apparently had

no knowledge" of this.

Franz Beckenbauer, the former West Germany captain and manager, who is a leading figure in the German bid, said:"I feel this leaves an unnecessarily bitter feeling. I have shaken the hands of English captains on the field said: "I am aware of what kind of gentlemen's agreement we took. I always thought an Englishman's honour was given with his word. I am not sure I can think that any longer."

dent of Uefa and a leading

candidate to take over as

president of Fifa next year,

The five-man FA delegation was clearly relieved yesterday that Uefa's support for Germany, believed to date from 1993 but which was never minuted or communicated to its member countries.

now has to be tempered. Ucfa will now take its proposal that only one country should be nominated from each continent to the Fifa Congress in Paris in June, 1998. It will need a 75 per cent

Carter steps back on course playing well enough to be regarding a maiden PGA European Tour victory as a realistic target. This time around, he had only the haziest notion of how he was going to perform; merely being well enough to swing a club was something of

Carter: recovery

Carter was second in Cannes last year, but the circumstances of his arrival on the French Riviera this week could not have been more different. Then, he was

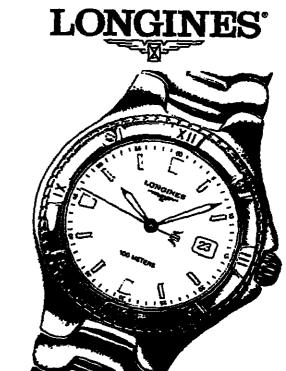
## Medical opinion

DAVID CARTER has suffered from hydrocephalus, the result either of an excess of cerebro-spinal fluid, the fluid that surrounds and circulates through the brain, or obstructions to this circulation (Dr. Thomas Stuttaford writes). It is not uncommon for an infection to cause so much inflammation that the circulation of the fluid is interrupted and the pressure within the skull builds up, damaging the brain, hence the memory loss that he is now suffering. Full recovery is possible and Carter's shortterm memory loss will continue to improve over the next



little hesitantly, but two birdies and as many bogeys left the books balanced as he turned for home. A wickedly swirling wind made club selection a problem, but Carter's instincts were not found wanting. He birdied the short 10th with a 25-toot putt, struck a seven-iron to ten feet and made the putt for another birdie on the 13th and, on the short 17th, he hit a pitchingwedge to four feet to save

So it was a 68, a score with which, in troublesome conditions, anybody would have heen happy. Last year Carter broke the course record at Royal Mougins with a 62 and can recall every stroke. In its own way, his performance on this day was every bit as



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